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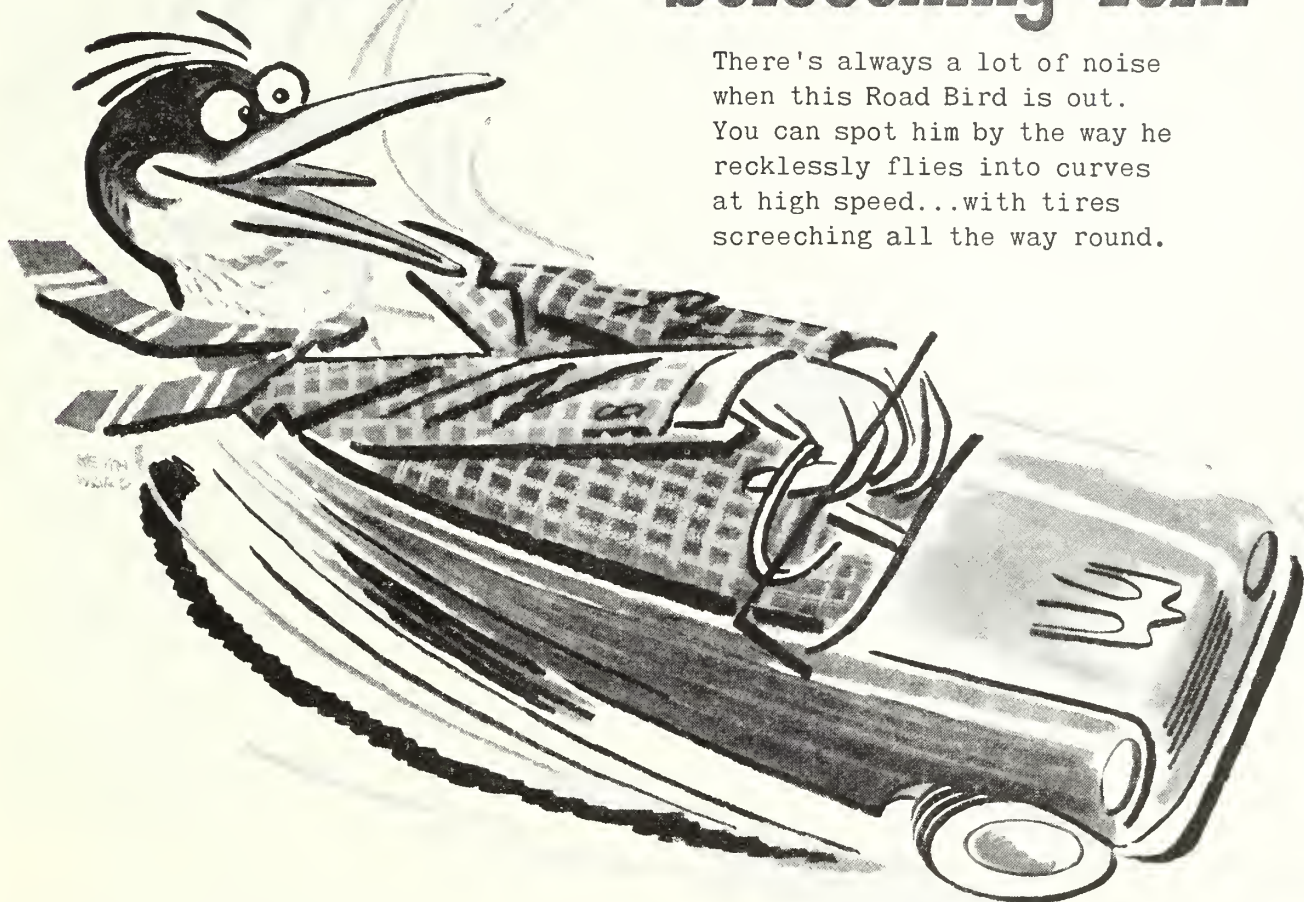
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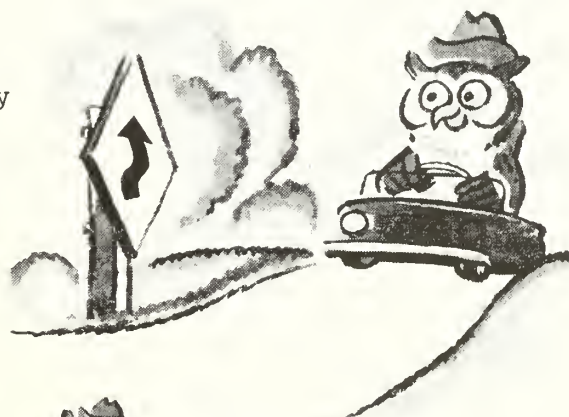
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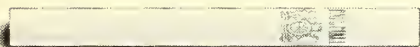
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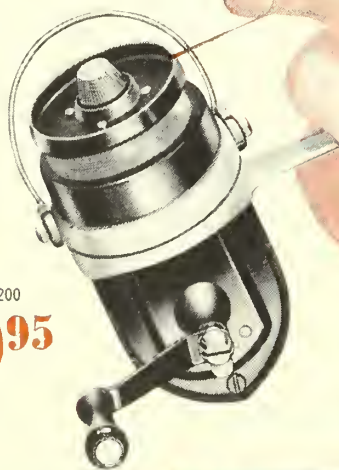
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ECONOMY MOVE

Sir: That crowd of anti-veterans is at it again, in an effort to stage a repeat performance. We old timers well remember the damage they did before, and it must never happen again. I of course refer to this effort to reduce benefits to our disabled comrades. Until we veterans become as political-minded as the forces organized against us, we may expect to receive such treatment as the Hoover Commission now suggests. Let's get together on this, swamp our Congressmen and the President with demands that there be no reduction in benefits to disabled veterans. And let us not stop at this. Let us watch those men, and swing into action with our votes at election time. There is no getting around it, that crowd is out to cut our throats. We have a fight on our hands, so let's swing into action *now*.

George R. Nagel
Seattle, Wash.

Sir: I read in the papers that the President has appointed a group to "re-evaluate" matters concerning veteran pensions and compensation. Among those appointed I find the name of that stalwart "soldiers' soldier"—General Omar Bradley. The last time he had anything to do with veterans' affairs (under H. S. Truman) many compensation checks were decreased in amount. Mine was cut 50 per cent. I wonder if the good General, being in the "veteran" category himself, will see fit to reduce his own retirement annuity by 50 per cent!

Name Withheld
Bowling Green, Ohio

Sir: Can you help us on this outrageous idea of the Hoover Commission to close our VA hospital at Iron Mountain, Mich., which is needed very badly? What are they going to do with our poor boys who got wrecked in the wars and need care? We had a son in Korea in the 25th Infantry. He was later killed in an auto accident. We knew lots of his buddies—some wounded, some killed. We are short of hospitals as it is. We are poor people, but we work hard to raise money to help people, to give blood transfusions, to fight polio, to help the heart fund and so forth. But then these people with lots of money have

no heart for those who need help. We have an idea the Legion is going to step in (to fight the Hoover Commission recommendation) and we sure hope so. We hope and pray we can save the day.

Mr. & Mrs. Lester LaBumbard
Nahma, Mich.



TAPS

Sir: My father was a World War I veteran. At his funeral I heard Taps played for the first time. Every time I have heard it played since I have been filled with grief, remembering only the grave. Today I came across the words that go with the melody. "Day is done, gone the sun; From the lake, from the hill, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh." I pass them on in hopes their message will comfort someone else as they have comforted me.

Mary Thornton
Van Nuys Calif.

NEED FOR HISTORY

Sir: Edward Longstreth's suggestion, "Let's End the Blackout of U.S. History," in the March, 1955, issue, is most timely and constructive. There is no way of judging the significance of current events except against the background of the past. During a long service in Washington newspaper work, I felt often that our departments and Congress were actuated by expediency not so much from political considerations, as was often charged, but because they lacked good historical insight and scholarship to guide them. If our State Department has failed to develop a sound, long-range American foreign policy, such as would have guarded against the Yalta agreements or impeded the communist acquisition of China, it is for this same fact. Our greatest 20th Century Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, were able students and writers of history. It is true that a great deal of good history is

now being written. But much historical writing is also dominated by professors who inject economic theories and absurdities and a great deal of their own social philosophy and propaganda into what should be a fascinating, moving story of human aspiration, endeavor and achievement. Preachment and pedantry have made American history unpalatable to many college students. The propaganda historians do not write with the grace and easy movement of historians like Francis Parkman, George Bancroft, William H. Prescott or James Fenimore Cooper. None who reads good American history is likely to become a communist. The story of America is too magnificent and inspiring! Let's ask our colleges to stimulate and promote their history courses, balancing the new writers with some of the old masters.

Glenn Tucker
Flat Rock, N. C.

SPEAKING FOR POLICE

Sir: On behalf of our members and their families we express to you our appreciation of the publication in your March 1955 issue of the article "Shall We Pay Our Cops or Robbers?" The inadequacy of police salaries and the undermanned police forces are only too well known to all police officers. We believe that any effort which will publicly emphasize the facts in the situation constitutes a valued public service to the people of the nation.

John E. Carton
President
Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn.
New York City

Sir: On behalf of the 40,000 policemen in the State of New York, our sincere appreciation for the timely article which appeared in the March issue of *The American Legion Magazine* entitled, "Shall We Pay Our Cops or Robbers?" Also our thanks to the writer, Mr. Jack Denton Scott, who described so graphically the sorry condition of policemen on a national basis.

John Borger
President, Police Conference
Rockville Center, N. Y.

Sir: Kindly accept my sincere congratulations and gratitude for the splendid article published in the March issue of *The American Legion Magazine* entitled, "Shall We Pay Our Cops or Robbers?" written by Jack Denton Scott. This article is very timely and expresses the sentiments of every officer in the Detroit Police Department.

Bruce Finney
President,
Detroit Police Officers Assn.
Detroit, Mich.

WESTERN LEAGUE

Sir: The article in the February magazine, "The New Major Leagues," by Al Hirshberg enlightened me as well as being stimulating and interesting. But I think if baseball enthusiasts would promote the idea of creating a new Western League instead of increasing

the size of the two existing major leagues it would solve the problem more easily and more satisfactorily. The Western League would play the standard 154 games, but east of the Mississippi the last four games would be play-off games between the pennant winners of the American and National Leagues. Then the World Series would be between the winner of that play-off and the pennant winner of the Western League.

William P. Sugars
Denver, Colo.

MOTE VS. BEAM

Sir: I enjoyed the articles and stories in your March issue, but in the article "Will They Clean Up the Comic Books?" by Ruth A. Inglis, reference is made to the type of advertising appearing in comic books such as for bull whips, guns, switch-blade knives, etc. How about casting the mote out of your own eye while you are getting the beam out of their eye? That ad for the Paratrooper Knife on page 43 doesn't sound exactly like a toy. Don't get me wrong, as I am heartily in favor of the removal of all types of comics described in the article mentioned, but let's keep our own skirts clean. Huh?

G. H. West
Webster City, Iowa

▼ There will be no more such advertising. **Editors**



BETTER BOIL

Sir: Reading William E. Collins' "We Took to the Waterways" in the January issue I was astonished at one reference to food and drink accommodations. Mr. Collins gave this method for securing drinking water: "Water dipped right out of the river or lake was cool and highly palatable." I should think that anyone taking such trips, and having made careful arrangements in other important matters would certainly be able to solve the drinking water problem in a safer, more sanitary way—don't you?

Name Withheld
Bourbonnais, Ill.

WANTS MacARTHUR

Sir: On January 25th, Congressman H. R. Gross of Iowa, WWI veteran, arose on the House floor in Washington during the session on the Formosa defense and recommended that General Douglas MacArthur be recalled by President Eisenhower to help the Army with his advice. No greater show of American unity could be achieved than to have this great American and military genius return to help our country. It is a crying shame to have him sitting on the bench while lesser lights are bungling the situation.

George H. Baker
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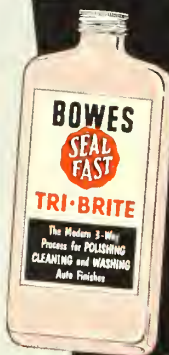
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Editor's Corner



THE TOMB TODAY

TODAY WHEN you visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery you cannot help being impressed with the setting portrayed on this month's cover. However, it was not always thus. The Unknown Soldier may not have been forgotten, but for several years after he was laid to rest at Arlington he was left pretty much to himself. The sentry came later because of action taken by The American Legion, as noted in this report to the Eighth National Convention:

"At the request of the National Legislative Committee, the War Department on March 23, 1926, placed an armed sentry on guard at the Tomb. These sentries . . . consist of a non-commissioned officer and seven privates on guard from sunrise to sunset, a sentry with fixed bayonet constantly walking post in front of the Tomb. The presence of this sentry has focused attention upon the dignity and solemnity of this sacred spot . . ."

WHO CARES?

THERE ARE a lot of headlines these days about trade with the Soviet and we keep hearing about big deals, actual or contemplated, between the Soviet and its satellites, and the nations of the free world. Most Americans are agreed that the less trading we do with the communists the better off we'll be.

But what happens in actual practice? Go into almost any camera store and you'll find that a large part of the stock is made up of goods made behind the Iron Curtain, cameras such as the Exakta, Exa, Pentacon, Praktiflex, etc. And the fact that they are being sold in large quantities is evident from the way in which the importers buy lavish space to advertise these items made in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

In many gun shops you'll find displays of firearms which, like the cameras mentioned, came from the Soviet Zone of Germany. The well-known house of Abercrombie & Fitch features a display of such shotguns that is worth a king's ransom. If you're hungry you can buy hams from starving Poland. Go into a certain class of department store or shop and you'll find linen goods and glassware of Czech manufacture. At Christmas time you'll find that many tree ornaments being hawked to celebrate the birthday of Christ were made in countries where God has been ruled an enemy of the state.

Trading in such merchandise is not against the law but it is unfortunate that we have among us merchants who either

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don't know or don't care about the ultimate results of such dealings with the communists. We once mentioned this to an importer who said: "Dealers don't care. Neither do customers. Hitler's economy too was helped by sales of cameras, but did that hurt sales of them?"

Don't we ever learn anything?

FAR ABOVE CAYUGA'S WATERS . . .

EARLY THIS year the citizens of Ithaca, N. Y., home of Cornell University, started an experiment which is proving so effective that we recommend it to other communities. For reasons that are painfully evident to anyone who knows what is going on, it is not always easy to get information that exposes communism, particularly the way in which the reds and pinks operate in this country. So the good people of Ithaca set up a Reading Room Against Communism.

Proving how badly it was needed there, let us quote from a hysterical editorial that immediately appeared in the campus newspaper, the *Cornell Daily Sun*:

"... the outfit is run by volunteers from Ithaca patriotic organizations and others who are expert at waving the white and the blue, if somewhat more reluctantly the red.

"A glance at the current window display is enough to give one a nauseating presentiment of the contents of this storehouse of liberalism. We have William Buckley's enchanting treatise (sic) on God and Man in New Haven . . . John T. Flynn's works on how we lost Asia and the creeping revolution in America . . . and to top it off a display of religious cards adding to the aura of Christian righteousness under which so much of this utterly anti-Christ propaganda is perpetrated . . . The *Congressional Record* is one of the more innocent appearing periodicals on hand . . . others include *The American Legion Magazine*, *Facts Forum*, and *Human Events* . . ."

That will give you an idea of the tremendous achievements being made in the name of academic freedom.

WHICH REMINDS US

USUALLY, YOU can't blame the collegiate cut-ups too much for this. They're just conforming to the line they are handed by the "doctrinaire liberals" who teach them.

A nice rundown on campus mentalities appears in a new book that is definitely worth your while. Its title is *Academic Freedom*, the author is the historian Russell Kirk, the publisher Henry Regnery Co., and the price \$3.75. Mr. Kirk exposes some amazing quirks in the mental processes of the people who insist that they are intellectuals, and we were especially interested in his references to our old favorites, Hank Commager, the history man from Columbia; Robert M. Hutchins, who is serving as a sort of purchasing agent for the \$15,000,000 Fund for the Republic; and professional liberal (jg) Harold Taylor of Sarah Lawrence, the Yonkers school for girls. Best explanation we've read for the growth of what the profs fearfully refer to as "anti-intellectualism."

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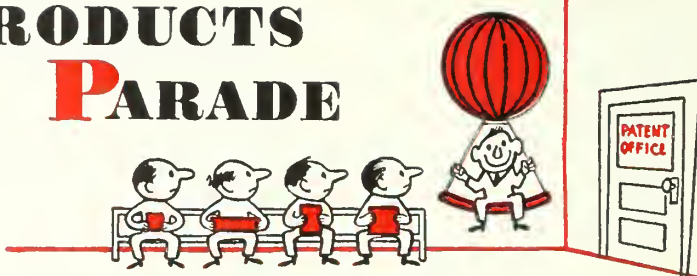


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FOR SLICK PIX

One reason why photography has increased so rapidly in popularity in recent years is because equipment developed for professionals is quickly adapted for use by everyone, permitting superior results. A decade or so ago flashbulbs gave amateur photography a tremendous spurt, and now a new surge of interest is promised through speedlights. These are the powerful self-contained units whose flash tubes don't have to be replaced but which give many thousands of flashes. On the market for several years for professional use, they are now being offered in improved, compact form at very attractive prices. One of these, which aroused much interest at the New York Photographic Show, is the Mighty Light, made by Speedlight Center, 128 W. 32nd St., New York City 1. Selling for \$69.95 complete with battery pack, it is as compact as the conventional flashgun, and as an accessory unit you can get a highly ingenious swivel head which permits it to be used for "bounce light" photographs. This costs \$29.95 extra.

SOLDERING MADE EASY

Anyone can now do soldering, thanks to a new kind of solder in paste form which requires no iron. All you do is squeeze it out of a tube onto the surface to be soldered, and adjacent surfaces are then heated with a match, cigarette lighter or torch.

Called Swif Solder, it is a 50/50 tin-lead combination containing flux. Made by Hercules Chemical Co., 332 Canal St., New York City, it will be available at hardware stores at 59¢. One tube is said to be enough for hundreds of connections.

SAFETY LOCK

Owners of revolvers will be interested in a newly patented lock now being made available by the Bjorklund Mfg. Co., 2822 11th St., Santa Monica, Calif. Called the Revolock, it consists of two parts which come together and lock inside the trigger guard, holding the trigger immovable in a slot. Thus locked, the weapon cannot be fired. Unlocking is simple, taking only a couple of seconds. The price of the Revolock is \$3.95. State make and model of revolver. It is not available for automatics, rifles, etc.

SHARPENS-CUTS

An ingenious tool which with a few light strokes sharpens knives, lawnmowers, scissors, garden tools and almost anything with a cutting edge is being offered by The Prospectors, Pacific Bldg., Santa Monica, Calif. Their Combination Tool has a head with sharpening edges set at various angles, and being compact it can be used in places that are hard to get at. The price for this is a dollar postpaid.



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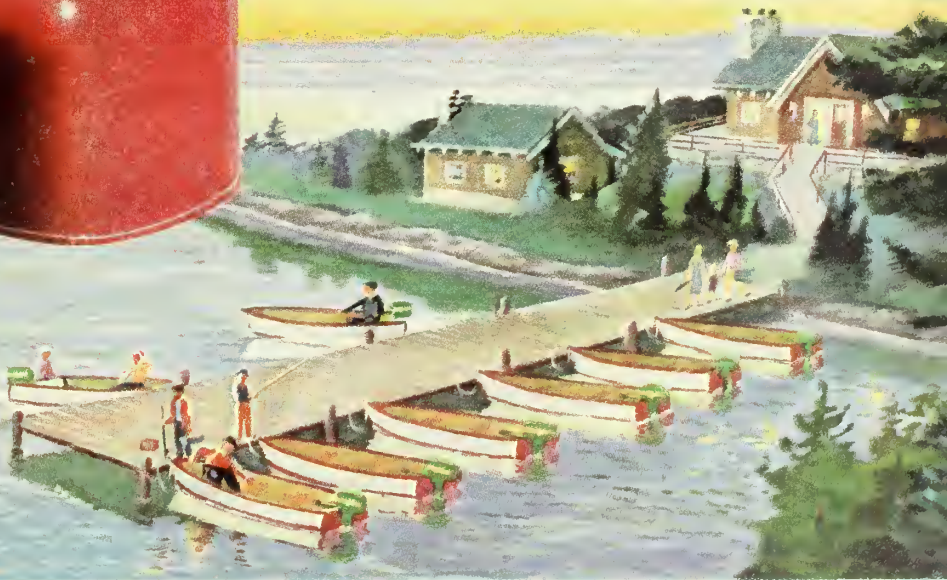
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In a few weeks Joe outdid what
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By **TOM MAHONEY**

JOE FLAHERTY TOSSED restlessly through the night on one of the new mattresses of his elegant tourist court and pondered the unpopularity of messengers who bear bad news. Just because he brought final and definite word from the State capital that the new thruway would miss Flaherty's Corners, his neighbors acted as if he had made the decision himself. This rankled. He had as much to lose as anybody, except maybe the Burtons, who owned the adjoining court.

Even Ruth Burton, his girl, or maybe she wasn't his



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Flaherty's Wonderful Cave

girl any more, had turned coldly away when he reported that highway traffic, on which the community depended for business, would be diverted five miles. Maybe it was his fault, he thought for a minute. Perhaps he should have bribed somebody. But he didn't believe in bribery and wouldn't have known how.

Anyhow the new thruway was a relentless thing. Outside the capital he had seen a stretch of it, much like the Burma Road which he had traveled in the war, moving straight ahead with earthmovers smashing through farms, hamlets, golf courses, cemeteries and even a race track. Protests from communities that wanted to be off the thruway as well as those that wanted to be on it were disregarded.

"I guess we had all better move over to the thruway," said a filling station man as Joe's neighbors gathered in his office a few hours later.

Josh Burton, Ruth's father and pro-

prietor of the elaborately-equipped adjoining court, disagreed with this.

"That will be easy for some," he protested, "but not for young Flaherty here nor the Burtons! We own our property and could never get our money out of it. You can't move swimming pools.

"Besides, we have some pride. Joe has been around only since his father died but his family has lived here always. Flaherty's Corners is named for Joe's family. Joe can't run out on this place. Can you Joe?"

"No," agreed Joe glumly.

"A lot of this traffic does us no good," observed Burton. "It goes right through. If we could only have something that would make just a few people turn off the thruway."

"Like what?" demanded Joe.

"Niagara Falls, maybe?" suggested a neighbor. "Atlantic City's Miss America contest?"

"Or a ski resort like Sun Valley?" proposed another man.

"We don't have that kind of money," conceded Burton. "We have no ocean,

no mountains; just a few hills. It's level. That's why the old road was put through here."

An automobile backfired outside. Burton and Flaherty watched a motorist pull away.

"What's the sign on that fellow's bumper?" asked Burton.

Joe looked again and read: "We've visited the Luray Caverns."

"That's it!" announced Burton. "Joe, you have a cave back there in the hill. We can have a cave—Flaherty's Cave."

"But wait," objected Joe. "That's no cave. It's just a hole about 15 feet deep my grandfather used as an icehouse."

"My boy, you are too innocent," retorted Burton.

"That cave isn't anything now but it's a cave. It can be improved. With this money that we have among us, we can dig quite a sizable cave and put in it whatever anybody wants in a cave."

"But, Josh," interrupted Flaherty, "would that be legitimate, really honest you know, to put in improvements?"

"Nonsense," replied the older man. "Is the Carlsbad Cavern like it was

when it was found? Of course not."

"You are right, Josh," said the filling station man. They have electric lights, elevators, an underground restaurant, even music."

"See?" said Burton triumphantly. "All that in a cave that's government-owned and operated!"

Joe and the others let Burton continue.

"I'll bet," he said, "that a well-run cave, where visitors can get in and out under their own power, is about the most economical attraction a place can have. No upkeep after it's fixed up, no roof to leak, no snow to shovel, almost no overhead—just somebody to switch on the lights and take tickets."

"You wouldn't even need tickets," said the filling station man. "Just take their money."

"A cave it has to be," announced Burton. "Joe and I will work out details."

All shook hands and took their leave.

Joe had little sleep that night. Late-arriving guests had him up but he lay awake most of the time in restless debate with himself on the ethics of tampering with nature underground. Should it be done and could it be done he asked himself. He voiced his doubts next day to Ruth Burton, an auburn-haired beauty a few years his junior.

She surprised him, as she often did, by taking a light-hearted view of the project. As her contribution to it, she looked up cave lore.

"People who like to explore caves are called spelunkers, slang for speleologists," she read from a book. There are two classes of caves, wild caves and show caves. The wild caves are just as nature created them. Show caves have electric lights, handrails, stairways and sometimes elevators."

"Ours will have to be a tame cave," said Joe. It would cost too much to make a wild one and I wouldn't know how. But do you feel this is right?"

"Why not?" answered Ruth slowly. "If it bothers you, you can give everybody their money back if they don't enjoy themselves. But it may be a little difficult for a fellow as mild as you to be a cave man."

He kissed her lightly and then, reacting to her words, hard and violently. She shook herself free.

"Well," she laughed, "maybe it won't!"

For two months mysterious men and materials disappeared into the hillside at the rear of Flaherty's court. For a while one of the smaller contractors on the thruway earned more with his excavating machinery by night than by day. Several truckloads of authentic stalactites and stalagmites were delivered between midnight and dawn. Molds were made of some and count-

ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN McDERMOTT

less concrete replicas poured. Sparkling scrap marble was obtained from a tomb-stone cutter.

At last everything was arranged to the satisfaction of Josh Burton, Flaherty and Ruth stood by nervously as her father picked up the telephone.

"I'm going to call Sam Gallagher over at the county seat," explained Burton. "Must have something in the papers before we put up our signs. Sam works on the weekly and is also correspondent for the city papers. I've tipped him off to a lot of big accidents. He'll help us."

In a minute Gallagher was on the wire.



No relic like it had ever been found and it caused a big stir.

"I've a good story for you," said Burton. "Can you come over to Flaherty's Corners today and bring your photographer? Have to go to the fair? Well, tomorrow will be all right. Give us a chance to clean the place up. Sure we'll tell you about it on the telephone."

"You know Joe Flaherty, who has the nice court right next to mine? His family has been here for years. Flaherty's Corners is named for them. In the hill back of his place there always has been a little cave. They used it as an icehouse and lately as a storeroom."

"Joe bought a lot of new furniture for his court a few days ago and needed some more storage space. He started to enlarge that little cave. He hadn't dug very far when, bingo, the dirt and rock suddenly caved in."

"No, he wasn't hurt."

"It fell back and revealed another cave, a big, wonderful cave. We don't

know how big yet but it's certainly the biggest cave in the State, the biggest cave in hundreds of miles. You know we just don't have caves in these parts like they do out West. It's a wonderful cave. Stalactites and stalagmites as big as trees. . . ."

Accompanied by a camera man, Sam Gallagher arrived next day. So did several other people who had read his article or heard about the discovery on the radio. The cameramen took pictures of Joe at his desk, at the entrance to the cave, of Josh Burton congratulating Joe on his discovery, and of Ruth Burton hugging a stalagmite taller but not as symmetrical as herself.

"Coming just as the thruway is about to take away our traffic," Burton unctuously told the reporter, "this cave is an act of Divine Providence. It belongs to Joe but we are going to help him develop it as a tourist attraction. It will benefit the whole community, the whole State. By the way, Sam, could you handle our publicity and advertising?"

Gallagher declined with thanks.

"Well," persisted Burton, "could you recommend somebody?"

"I don't know anybody who ever handled a cave," replied the newspaperman.

"Cave experience, I don't think would be necessary," said Burton. "Do you, Joe? Ruth?"

"No," said Joe.

"Oh, no!" agreed Ruth.

"I'll send you a fellow named Bailey, Spark Bailey," said Gallagher. "He's in show business. I saw him at the fair yesterday."

A pudgy gentleman at this point stepped out of an automobile, glanced about through thick-lensed glasses and gave Joe a card which read: "Oswald Phipps, Professor of Geology, Haverstraw College."

"Mr. Flaherty," he said, "I've just heard about your cave over the radio."

Joe shuddered and thought he would faint.

"You are a spelunker, sir?" he asked.

"Well, after a fashion, yes," agreed the visitor. "I want to see the cave."

"There are no lights and it isn't very safe," objected Joe.

"I'd like to go with him," said Gallagher, the newspaperman.

With a sinking heart, Joe gave flashlights to the two and guided them into the hillside. When Professor Phipp's bespectacled eyes rested on the concrete lining of the entrance, Joe hastened to explain: "This was the storeroom, had to hold back the dirt."

"I see," said Professor Phipps. Inside the dark passage, he turned his flashlight up, down and on the walls. Every few seconds, he uttered an exclamation of

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What you should know about WORLD

The global fanatics who are willing to sacrifice our nation's sovereignty have overlooked some of the reasons for America's greatness.

By **ZANE B. THURSTON**

☪☪... We declare our opposition to a one world super-government by such schemes as have been promoted by the World Federalists, The Atlantic Union, or under any other name which would impair the sovereignty of the free people of the United States of America...☪☪

From Resolution 582, Thirty-Fifth National Convention of The American Legion, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 31 – Sept. 3, 1953.

AT ITS 1951 National Convention The American Legion adopted a resolution which said in part: "We reiterate our opposition to the participation of the United States in any form of World Federation, World Government or in any intermediate federative organization... which would, in whole or in part, involve the sacrifice of sovereignty of the United States." The Legion again amplified this strong opposition in a resolution at its 1954 National Convention.

In so doing the Legion has rendered a great service to our Constitutional Republic by calling our attention to the inherent dangers of the World Government notion.

It is well to establish at the outset that the World Government theory is not merely an idealistic and nebulous abstraction hovering in the minds of intellectual daydreamers; it is a very real, high-powered and liberally-financed movement supported by many groups — here and abroad — dedicated to the task of creating a federal union of the world.

My personal interest in the World Government idea (over and above the prompting of my natural religious and patriotic instincts) stems from the fact that one of its main protagonists is a fellow townsman; indeed, much of the spade work which has been done in this country was done less than two miles



The one-worlders, like the Soviet rulers, believe in "enforcing" law and order.

from my home at the so-called "Dublin Conferences" in early 1945. The climax of the work at these conferences, and since, will be the attempt by the United World Federalists, Inc., (one of the most powerful groups pressing for World Government in this country) to expedite their plan of transforming the United Nations into a World Government when its charter comes up for amendment in July of this year.

It is not my purpose to analyze critically the many specifications, require-

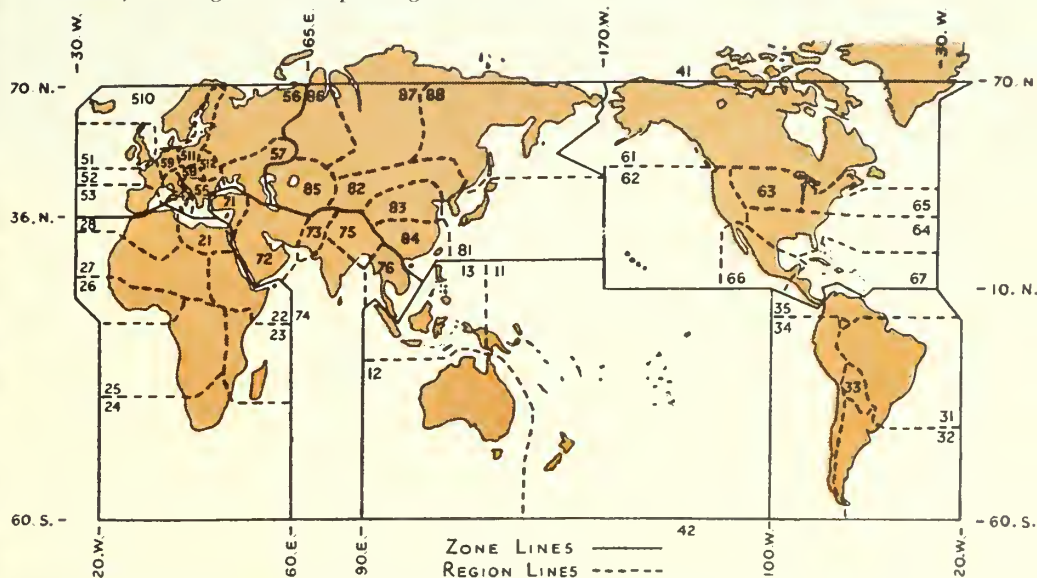
ments, provisions and restrictions of the various World Government schemes which The American Legion obviously considers to be inimical to the continued sovereignty and independence of our Constitutional Republic; rather, I shall dwell upon those inherent contradictions, false premises and ridiculous notions that render the theory of World Government impracticable in itself.

The avowed supreme goal of World Government advocates is the creation of a federal government embracing all

GOVERNMENT



The one-world plan for representation and taxes would give the United States little to say but a big bill for the privilege.



This revealing map was circulated in 1952 at a Conference of the World Association of Parliamentarians for World Government held in London. Note how the United States is quartered, and Alaska joined to Canada.

the nations of the world; this, they consider to be the only conceivable way to establish and preserve world peace. Extremely vocal prior to and during World War II and in the late Forties, they found expression in such organizations as: Federal Union, Inc., The Atlantic Union Committee, Inc., United World Federalists, Inc., and various

other lesser groups. Before any valid argument can be made against the theory, the best possible case for the opposition must be fairly and objectively established and can best be accomplished by quoting directly from their literature, speeches and public pronouncements.

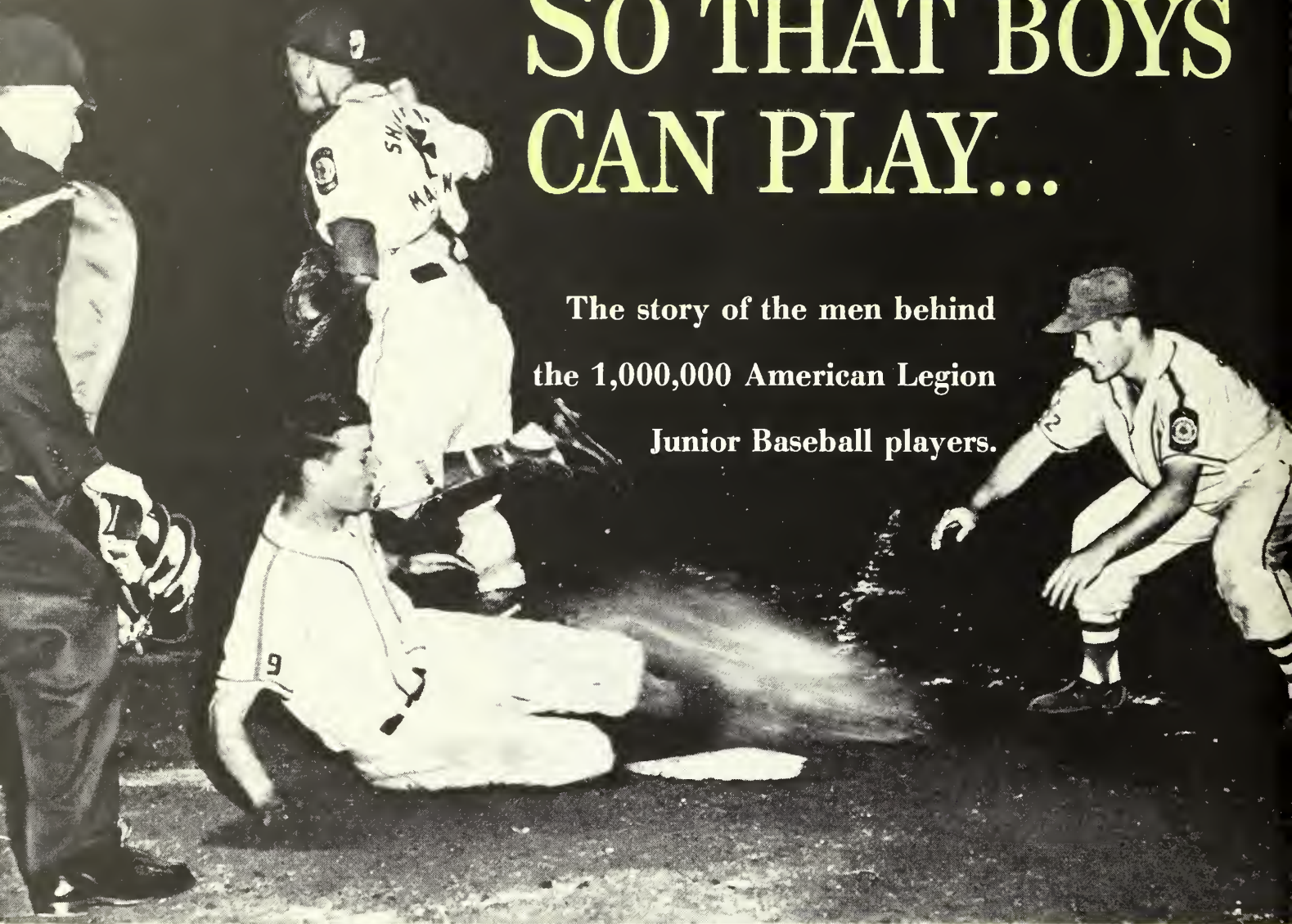
A brochure entitled, *Let's Not Make The Same Mistake Twice* (published by Federal Union, Inc.) very aptly states their reason for existence and can be fairly presented as representing the motivations of all World Government agitators even though not all would subscribe to the Federal Union plan.

The brochure says: "... after the war will come something called 'peace.' And, it is equally the duty of every American to bear in mind that the fate of democracy, and our own future, will depend not alone on the outcome of the war but on the outcome of that 'peace' also. We need a peace-aim no less than a war-aim, for victory. We

helped to win the last war. We lost the peace. Now we are at the crossroads again! Why? Do we, the free peoples of the earth, know where we expect to go? Have we a plan to attain an orderly, peaceful, prosperous world based on freedom? Up until now the answer has been, no. . . . But there is an answer
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SO THAT BOYS CAN PLAY...

The story of the men behind
the 1,000,000 American Legion
Junior Baseball players.



Post 492, San Diego, Calif. player Joseph Cottrell scores against Post 103, Maplewood, Mo., in 1954 Junior World Series.

By **JOHN MULLIN** as told to **HY HURWITZ**

IF MUST BE the kids and The American Legion men behind the kids.

I'm an old umpire. I've umpired games in professional leagues and college circuits for more than three decades. For the last 20 years, I've umpired more than 2,000 games and 20,000 innings in American Legion Junior Baseball. I've never kicked a player out of an American Legion ball game.

Kids who grow up to become stars like Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, Al Rosen, Stan Musial, Alvin Dark and Jim Hegan are graduates of American Legion Junior Baseball. It's not difficult to understand their rise to fame. They had a terrific springboard.

Legion boys learn how to act in all sorts of emergencies. They are taught to think fast. Let me tell you about Gene Mauch, who got his start in a Legion league in California. He was with the Boston Braves in 1952. The Braves were on a springtime barnstorming trip with the then-world-champion New York Yankees. They had just finished a game in Dallas. Next stop was Kansas City.

The two clubs had to rush out of the Dallas ball park to catch a train for Kansas City. A bus carrying the Braves

players couldn't clear an exit in the Dallas ball park. The roof of the bus was "locked" in a chunk of concrete. The bus couldn't move. The driver tried everything and was just as stuck as his bus. Mauch came up with the solution. He suggested that the front tires be deflated. Half of the air was removed from the tubes. The bus was "unlocked" and the players made the train.

Courage? Determination? They abound among the boys I've seen play in American Legion tournaments. Never have I seen a more courageous person than a boy named Munsey who played in a New England regional tournament in Bath, Maine, in 1949.

On the first night of the tournament, Munsey received a severe cut high up on his left leg. He was carted off the field. Doctors used 26 stitches to close the wound. The next night, stitches and all, he was back in the line-up. He was the only catcher on his club and he insisted on playing.

You're bound to see accidents and injuries on a baseball field. But do they stop Legion players from climbing toward the big leagues? I don't believe so. For I've seen two players who broke their legs in Legion play who became major leaguers.

The first baseman of the Lynn, Mass., Legion team in 1944 was Harry Agganis. He was one of the best I've ever seen in Legion ball. In the Department finals that year, Agganis broke a leg in a collision at home plate. I could hear the ankle snap. Doctors said that he'd never play again.

The medical men were wrong. Agganis became an All-American quarterback on the football team at Boston University. And in 1954—in only his second year of professional baseball play—he became the regular first baseman for the Boston Red Sox.

Playing first base for the same California Club of which the aforementioned Gene Mauch was a member was a lad known as "Nippy" Jones. I saw Jones suffer a freak accident during infield practice before a national tournament in Manchester, N. H. Like Agganis, Jones suffered a leg fracture. And like Harry, he didn't let a little thing like that stop him from continuing his baseball career. A few years later, he was the first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals.

You seldom hear of a boy who has played American Legion Junior Baseball getting into trouble. But one thing I did hear at a World Series game a few year back was an announcer saying that there were 37 graduates of American Legion baseball on the two squads playing for the championship of the world. What a thrill that was to me, having umpired for so many of them, and what a kick it must have given those thousands of Legionnaires who devote a lot of time and money to coaching and running the many games and tournaments throughout the country.

I'm thinking now of Legionnaires like Harry Smith of Post 45, Medford, Mass. Harry has been running the Medford team since the Legion started its baseball competitions back in 1926. Harry is an old-timer. He saw the first World Series games ever played back in 1903 and he has never lost his interest in baseball.

Harry has a son, Arthur, who was quite a ballplayer as a youth. "But there was no place for him to play once school closed," Smith recalls. "I always regret that The American Legion didn't start its baseball program earlier so that my boy could play. When they did start my son was too old. I realized the value of a thing like this. Nine out of ten of us felt like giving something to other boys that we didn't have ourselves."

It is Smith's feeling that the Legion has been repaid for its efforts in the baseball tournaments. "Many kids who've played on our Post teams," Harry tells me, "have gone into the service and when they come back, they join The American Legion. We had a boy named Dickie Desmond who played on our team. He went to Dartmouth College and was a good athlete there. Then, he went into the service. The night Dickie got his discharge, he came in and joined the Legion. We all should feel proud of Dickie and boys of his caliber."

There's little question that the boys who play American Legion baseball appreciate the work that goes into making their tournaments one of the finest sports programs in the country. They know that a lot of men give up their own time to help them. Time these men could spend at home with their own families but time spent to help an entire community which is deemed more important by the Legion officials who conduct these games.

According to Smith, the average Legionnaire who devotes personal time to baseball work, spends about 300 to 400 hours each season. "But it pays off," says Smith. "Pays off in keeping the kids out of trouble and, in the past, in getting increased membership when the boys grew into manhood."

Smith's story of young Desmond isn't just an isolated one. There must be hundreds and thousands of similar cases. I know if it has happened in Medford, it has happened in Albuquerque and Peoria.

It's been a pleasure for me to talk with many boys from

all over the country about the benefits from baseball and from the tournaments in which they play. I try to encourage them to become big leaguers. For I've found that the greater the player, the greater the guy.

I've told many boys of an experience I once had involving the late Babe Ruth. An experience I've never forgotten and one which contains a valuable lesson.

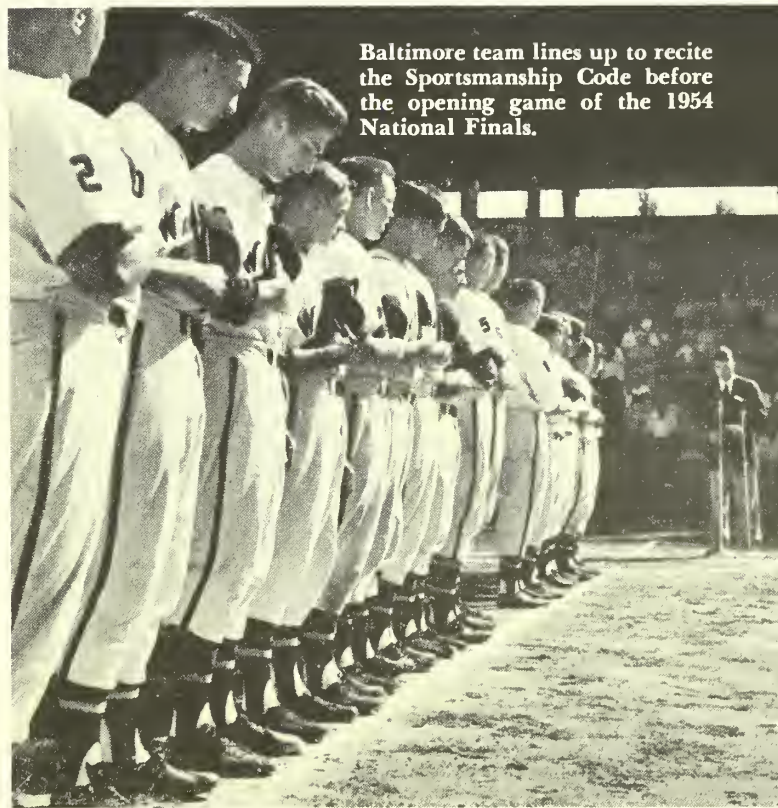
After the Babe had finished his active playing career, he went around the country putting on long distance hitting exhibitions. I had the good fortune of working behind the plate when the Babe put on one of those exhibitions in Malone, N. Y. They had a good young pitcher in Malone who was serving 'em up to the Babe. I noticed that Ruth wouldn't swing at balls which were right down the middle and made to order for home runs. But the low balls he'd drive to Syracuse and the high balls up to Buffalo.

When the exhibition was over, I asked the Babe, how come he didn't swing at any pitches which were right down the pipe. He told me that one day on his tour he teed off on a pitch like that and hurt a kid pitcher. He said if he hit another kid, he'd never go to bat again.

The Babe also added, "You saw that kid pitching to me out there, didn't ya? Well, I know that kid wanted to go back to the corner and tell his pals that he struck out the Babe. It didn't cost me anything to let that kid strike me out. Just think of how proud that kid felt when I took three down the middle. I learned something a long time ago I've never forgotten. It was never to make yourself good at the expense of another kid."

That's a big leaguer for you. That's the kind of stuff Legionnaires preach and teach. I'd like to tell you about another big leaguer. There's a Children's Cancer Research Foundation in Boston a few blocks from where I live. It was started by Lou Perini, the Milwaukee Braves President, when he was President of the Boston Braves and it is now supported by Tom Yawkey and the Boston Red Sox.

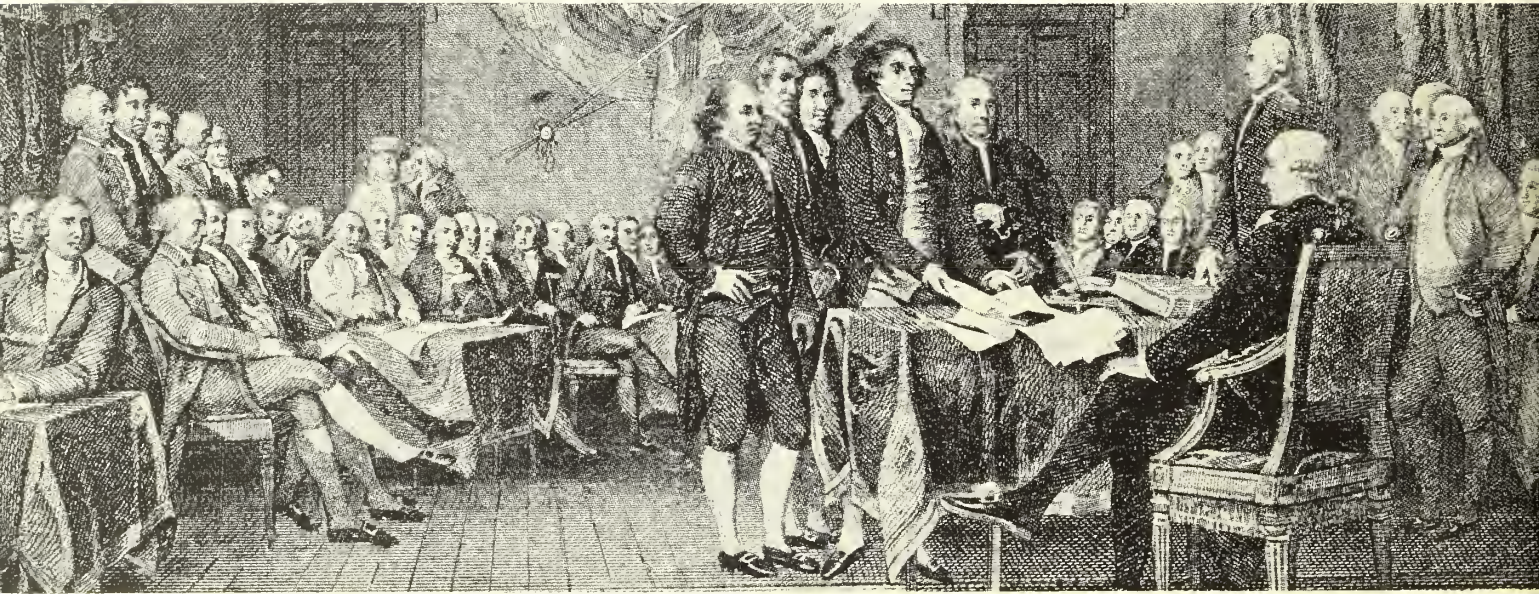
One night I was in a drug store near the hospital. There was a tall, good looking guy at a candy counter ordering what looked like a whole case full (*Continued on page 47*)



Baltimore team lines up to recite the Sportsmanship Code before the opening game of the 1954 National Finals.

The Freedom THE PROFESSORS FORGOT

By curbing the power of the political boss, our fathers founded a new social order. Today we are being persuaded to revert to the old tyranny.



Freeing us from the old bosses, the signers of the Constitution made it possible for us to build a great nation.

By W. H. McCOMB

THERE is in fact, a great American brainwashing which takes place in our schools, and we all become victims of it, starting at age six.

It starts when the teacher tries to explain an illusive something called freedom. It is the teacher's job to explain why our country has grown so swiftly, and the common explanation is that it is all a matter of freedom. We have freedom. Other countries have not. So we have 85 per cent of the automobiles of the world.

Freedom from what? Freedom to do what?

At this point begins the great American brainwash.

Even the "old-fashioned" teachers might be skittish about spelling out the answers to those questions.

In the great uproar between Left and Right now raging in and for our

schools, any teacher might become nervous.

She may talk about the freedoms of press and religion and speech, as if these freedoms were scarce. They are not. They are the most common freedoms on earth and they have been for years. They are not enough to give any people automobiles.

The Swiss can claim that they won such freedoms before we did. The French have so much freedom that American poets fled Prohibition to

Paris. A dozen Latin American countries chased out the royal commissars of Spain with whoops about freedom, and most of them even copied our Constitution. No Englishman could admit anything special about such freedoms in America.

What is this special American variety of freedom which has given us most of the steel in the world?

There has been in fact a special variety of freedom which has given to American children more teachers than

Under our system, the best brains work to make the country better.

But the politicians are again moving in to make things tough.



any other children ever had—but the teachers avoid talking about it.

So most children never hear about it, and our soldiers in Korean prisons had to try to figure it out for themselves.

Freedom from what?

There is only one "freedom from" for which men ever have fought. That is freedom from some political boss.

Our teachers can tell all children about how our patriots won freedom from George III. They may avoid mentioning that the Constitution which our Fathers gave us is the most drastic list of restrictions ever written on the power of *any and every political boss*.

In those chains upon the political boss in America, our Fathers told him to keep his itchy fingers out of our

So they went to work—to give us more food than we can eat.

That is the freedom which the reds say is bad. They have none of it.

It is the freedom which our own pinks say is bad. Whatever their plans or programs, they all demand more power for the boss to put his fingers into our pockets, to invade our gardens.

Wherever a man has planted a garden, it has been his dream that he might profit from his sweat, that he might raise a crop that would belong to him. That is the most frustrated dream in the history of man.

Robbers always appear when the crops are ripe, and to protect himself against robbers the gardener must dele-

ducer. So of course he promises he will take it away from somebody we don't like. He is a genius at devising schemes to divide and conquer men. He will promise all the utopias under heaven to



Political hijacking is nothing new. Even stone-agers did it.

get that power to despoil producers.

The first political boss was the first Old Man of the first tribe. To adorn his cave he had to swindle or enslave producers; there was nobody else worth hijacking. He has been building palaces with his extortions ever since.

Outside of America, the best brains of men have seldom bothered to plant gardens. They became politicians.

The politico's simplest method in despoiling producers has been to make them slaves. He nearly always has succeeded in doing that. The empires of antiquity were built upon slave labor. The kingdoms of Europe were built on the groans of half-starved serfs. When a few English lords won some freedom from the demands of the royal boss, it was hailed as a great revolution. In the bright new 20th century dream of communism, the political bosses of Russia have duped their producers into the most complete and cruel slavery.

The makers of the American Constitution did not trust the political boss.

They could see that he was in business for what he could get out of it, the same as the rest of us.

They emphatically did not trust him to invade our gardens; they imposed upon him drastic controls to prevent him from doing it. They did not trust him with controls of production or producers. They had the wisdom to see that he had been grabbing the profits since history began.

They did not trust him to put his fingers into our pockets. With their "checks and balances," they tied down those itchy fingers. In those chains of the Constitution, the mightiest boss in the national government was forbidden to filch one bean from the garden of the humblest citizen.

The makers of the American Constitution told the political boss to keep his toughs out of our gardens.

That was the most sensational new order in all the history of government. It still is.

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Traditionally the brain-truster has always been in cahoots with the big boss.

pockets. That was the most revolutionary new order in the history of government. In those chains a great new freedom was born.

Freedom to do what?

This special American freedom—special because we have had more of it than any other people in history—has been the freedom of every American who plants a garden to *own* the crops produced by his sweat—*free* from those itchy political fingers which have been hijacking gardeners at all times nearly everywhere and are despoiling producers nearly everywhere on this earth now.

That was the special freedom which our Fathers gave to America.

In that freedom it has been worthwhile for Americans to work and produce and build.

In that freedom the best minds of America could turn away from politics to produce—to organize the greatest production in history.

gate some power to the political boss.

There never is much profit for the boss in chasing thieves. It is so much more profitable for him to hijack the gardener.

Whether this boss calls himself king or commissar, nabob or social planner, dictator or sachem or ward-heeler, he is the same old political boss; what he wants is power.

There is power in the ownership of \$1. That is the power which we all want. It is the power which the political boss wants.

We must produce something to get such power. He never does. The political boss has never produced anything in the history of the world. He does not know how.

What he knows is how to win power. That is his specialty and life's work. He always vows that he will give us something when he needs our support. He never can give us anything until he takes it away from some other pro-



A hitherto unpublished account of atrocities committed by Japanese subs in the Pacific.

By **COMDR. C. ALPHONSO SMITH, USNR**

LESS THAN A MONTH after Germany declared war on the United States, Hitler and Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop held a meeting in Berlin with Japanese Ambassador Oshima. The exact date was January 3, 1942. The meeting lasted one hour and forty-five minutes. In that short space of time, the honor of the proud Imperial Japanese Navy was tossed away, with nothing gained in return.

Here is an official transcript of what took place at this meeting:

"The Fuehrer explained to the Japanese Ambassador on the map the prospective naval war situation in the Atlantic, emphasizing that he considered it his most important task to get the submarine war going full blast. . . . After making further explanations with the aid of the map, the Fuehrer pointed out that no matter how many ships the U.S.A. built, one of their chief problems was the personnel shortage. For this reason the merchant vessels were also being sunk without warning with the idea that as large a part as possible of the crew would perish in consequence. If word should once get about that most seamen were lost in torpedoings, the Americans would soon have difficulties in recruiting new people. The training of seafaring personnel took a long time. We were fighting for our existence and therefore could not permit any humani-

tarian points of view to govern. For this reason he had to give the order that in case a foreign seaman could not be taken prisoner, which was not for the most part possible on the open sea, the submarines were to surface after torpedoing and shoot up all the lifeboats.

"Ambassador Oshima sincerely concurs in these statements of the Fuehrer and says that the Japanese, too, are forced to follow these methods."*

There is no evidence that Admiral Doenitz ever permitted any such order to be issued. In fact, there is evidence to the contrary, and Doenitz was acquitted on this charge at the German War Crimes Trials, although the court commented:

"The Tribunal is of the opinion that the evidence does not establish with the certainty required that Doenitz deliberately ordered the killing of shipwrecked survivors. The orders were undoubtedly ambiguous and deserve the strongest censure."

But there is a mountain of documentary evidence to show that the Japanese Navy not only endorsed the policy but issued an "Operational Order" to submarine commanders directing them to "carry out the complete destruction of the crews of the enemy's ships." The record further shows, in hundreds of pages of sworn testimony given by survivors and by Japanese, that the 8th Japanese Submarine Squadron, based at Penang, Sumatra, and operating in the Indian Ocean in 1943-44, committed unbelievable atrocities on

*Oshima was sentenced to life imprisonment at the trial of the Japanese War Lords.



ILLUSTRATED BY TONY KOKINOS



◀ After her ordeal the American Red Cross worker was executed.

The Shame of the Jap Navy



Survivors were afterward fired on in boats and machine-gunned in the water.

the passengers and crews of torpedoed merchant ships.

For these crimes, 44 members of the Imperial Japanese Navy—from vice admirals to petty officers—were tried before a Military Commission sitting in Yokohama from July to December 1948. The Commission was appointed by General Douglas MacArthur and was headed by Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, later killed in a jeep accident in Korea.

The United States charged these 44 men with "ordering, directing, causing, permitting and participating in the robbing, beating, torturing and killing of over 800 prisoners of war and survivors." The details of these trials known as the "minor War Crimes Trials" to differentiate them from the trials of the Japanese War Lords—have never before been published.

Here is the exact wording of that section of Ultra-Secret (Gunki) Operational Order No. 2 which brought three vice admirals and two rear admirals to the bar of justice and resulted in the conviction of all five:

"Do not stop with the sinking of enemy ships and cargoes; at the same time that you carry out the complete destruction of the crews of enemy ships, if possible, seize part of the crew and endeavor to secure information about the enemy."

This order was issued March 20, 1943, by Vice Admiral Mito, commander of the 1st Submarine Squadron of the 6th Fleet, based at Truk. Seventy copies were made and sent to all submarine flotilla commanders and commanding officers of submarines operating in that area. Copy No. 24 was found by U.S. Naval Intelligence officers on Kwajalein Atoll early in 1944. The original was found on Truk when the war ended.

This order is a trifle ambiguous but, according to a British protest filed through the Swedish Embassy in June 1944, there was no ambiguity in the way the submarines of the

8th Japanese Squadron carried it out. The British cited the following cases:

SS Daisy Moller was torpedoed and sunk on 13 Dec. 1943 in position 16°21' north, 82°13' east. Ship's boats containing survivors were rammed by a submarine identified as Japanese; survivors were afterward fired on in boats and machine-gunned in water. (Ro-110)

SS British Chivalry was torpedoed and sunk on 22 Feb. 1944 in position 00°56' south, 68°00' east. Two boats and four rafts containing survivors were subjected to deliberate machine gun fire by a submarine identified as Japanese. Many were killed and one of the boats was sunk. The master of the ship was taken prisoner and compelled to watch machine-gunning of his crew from the submarine (I-37).

SS Sutley was torpedoed and sunk on 26 Feb. 1944 in position 08°00' south 70°00' east. A submarine identified as Japanese fired with small arms upon survivors clinging to rafts and wreckage. Survivors spent 47 days on rafts before rescue (I-37).

SS Ascot was torpedoed and sunk on 29 Feb. 1944 approximately 800 miles east of Diego Suarez. Ship's lifeboat was subsequently machine-gunned by a submarine identified as Japanese, and 44 out of 52 survivors of the torpedoing were killed. (I-37)

SS Nancy Moller was torpedoed and sunk on 18 March 1944, 300 miles off Colombo. A submarine identified as Japanese fired repeatedly on survivors, killing a large number. (I-166)

The Dutch protested the torpedoing and sinking on 26 March 1944 of the freighter *SS Tjisalak*, 600 leagues south of Ceylon. A submarine, identified as Japanese, ordered the survivors numbering 103 to come aboard. Their life preservers were removed. They were robbed of money, watches, rings, shoes, etc., were bound and made to kneel on the deck. They were then led (Continued on page 41)



The trouble with FEET...

By **GEORGE H. WALTZ, JR.**

IF YOU'RE AN average man—one with a job that doesn't require more than the usual amount of leg work—you probably take about 13,000 steps a day. That's a total of about 7½ miles of walking.

In terms of distance, that may not sound like too much of a hike—particularly if you once were a “doughfoot.” But let's see what it adds up to in terms of your feet.

If you are “average,” which means you probably nudge the scales at about 165, those two feet of yours take a daily beating that adds up to more than 2,000,000 pounds of sledge-hammer impacts. During your waking hours, each of your feet stands up under 500 tons of jolts! That's quite a bit of day-in, day-out punishment for a “structure” that consists of just 26 small, slender bones, an intricate network of 126 ligaments and tiny muscles, and what amounts to a minimum of shock-absorbing padding in the form of tissue and skin.

More active people give their feet even more of a beating. Your wife's two feet probably put up with 1,500 tons of jolting a day, because as a housewife she walks about ten miles a day. Then there's the sack-laden postman and the husky cop on the neighborhood beat. Their feet take a daily beating that amounts to about 3,000 tons of heel-and-toe pounding. As for Junior, what with school and play, his feet probably take as much jolting as the cop's and the postman's.

Any way you look at it, no matter who you are or what you do, if you're active your feet take more of a continual beating than any other part of your body. Not even your hands, no matter how strong you think they are, would stand up for long under the same sort of punishment. They weren't designed for it, and they aren't used to it.

Yet, for some unknown reason, most of us not only abuse our feet but completely ignore them. We brush our teeth, coddle our thinning hair, bathe our bodies, manicure our nails, but pay little or no attention to our feet. As a

You give them a terrific pounding
and they can make you suffer for it.



Pick the right kind of shoes and you'll be a better man for it.

PHOTOS BY ANGELA CALOMIRIS

result, just about eight out of every ten of us kick off our shoes at night and complain, “Oh, my aching feet!” And if you are one of those eight, the chances are that you have no one to blame but yourself. According to the podiatrists, close to 90 per cent of all our foot troubles are self-inflicted! Most of our aching feet, they say, are caused not by actual structural defects, but by neglect and vanity. In most

cases, the bulk of our foot troubles can be prevented by simple care that need be no more involved nor time-consuming than the daily care of our teeth.

To get the real low-down on our aching feet, I recently spent considerable time visiting with some of the top men in the field of foot care. The list of experts included such leaders in podiatry and chiropody as Dr. Benjamin Kauth, director of the American Foot



Care Institute, and Dr. H. B. Bodian, professor of podiatric orthopedics at the Long Island University College of Podiatry, podiatrist at the N.Y.U.-Bellevue Medical Center, and a director of the New York Foot Clinics.

According to Dr. Bodian, who estimates he has checked more than 50,000 aching feet during his career, most of us can enjoy healthy, pain-free feet if we'll just follow a simple three-point program consisting of daily foot care, the choice of shoes and socks or stockings that fit (and that doesn't mean the shoes have to be expensive), and an occasional visit to our podiatrist, particularly if we have a persistent foot pain.

As for daily foot care, a foot bath should be a "must" in your "getting-ready-for-bed" routine. It needn't be an extensive affair and it shouldn't take you much more time than it does to brush your teeth, particularly if you do it right after your shower or bath. All you need is warm water, plenty of soap, a small hand brush (the kind you use on your fingernails), an orange stick borrowed from the family manicure kit, and a pumice stone.

After soaking your feet for a few moments in the warm water, work up a good lather with the brush and soap to remove the day's accumulation of dirt,

dried perspiration, and dead skin. Brush your toenails briskly and use the tip of the orange stick to clean out the nail grooves on each side of each nail. Don't dig, just clean them out gently. Any small corns or callouses, which should



As important as the size of socks is the material of which they are made.

be fairly soft by this time, then should be rubbed lightly with the wet pumice stone. The pumice will trim down the softened growths slowly and safely. Above all, resist any temptation to use a razor on any corns and callouses you may have. Amateur bathroom surgery turns little foot troubles into big ones.

Finally, after rinsing your feet first in warm water and then in cold, dry them thoroughly, particularly between the toes. Then, in the wintertime, massage your feet with a lanolin-base hand cream or lotion. The lanolin will help to keep any small callouses soft and comfortable. In the summertime, when sizzling pavements have broiled your feet, try using medicated alcohol instead of the lotion. Finish up your daily care with a good powdering with a regular foot powder. Don't use ordinary body talcum; it has a tendency to cake up.

When you cut your nails, cut them square, straight across the top. Don't cut them too short and don't round them. You may think a rounded nail looks better, but a rounded nail is more likely to become ingrown. If you do happen to get an ingrown nail, don't mess with it. The job requires the skill of a podiatrist.



A few minutes a day invested in a foot bath will pay good dividends.



Boots, boots, boots, marching up and down Parris Island often end up here.

Shoes, particularly shoes that don't fit, of course, are the worst pair of enemies that a pair of feet can have. Too many of us (particularly the women) try to fit our feet to our shoes rather than the shoes to our feet. Few of us, as a matter of fact, know how to buy a pair of shoes.

A good fit in a shoe means far more than just the right length and the right width. Just as important is the shoe's last, or shape. To be comfortable, it must conform to the general shape of

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When you say *"FILL 'ER UP, CHECK THE OIL..."*

You are getting some extras you probably do not realize.

By **ROBERT D. B. CARLISLE**

MAYBE YOU'RE ONE of the 5,800,000 Americans who will be buying one of the new 1955-model cars this year. Or perhaps you own one of the 5,520,000 cars built last year.

In either case, you'd probably be the first to tell anyone within earshot that these late-model cars are things of real styling and engineering beauty—sleek on the outside, yes, but with a tremendous power plant under the hood, too.

The next time you get a chance, take a good look at the 1954 or 1955 engine. Maybe you've lost sight of the fact, but it's come a long, long way from the engine of 30 years ago. Remember what that old-timer was like? The 1925 engine got you places on its 59 horsepower and 4.4-to-1 compression ratio. But today you'll go a lot more places a lot faster and more economically when you ride behind the average 1955 engine, with its 175 horsepower and 8-to-1 compression ratio. And that's not saying a word about the added comfort features which are being built into the car bodies these days.

This vast improvement in the automobile engine could never have taken place if another American industry—the one that makes gasoline and oil—hadn't been there with the right "tools" for the job.

For a handful of decades now, the two industries have pushed ahead side by side, following the fascinating lure of competition. The petroleum refiners improve their products,



Car makers and the petroleum industry have teamed up for your benefit.

PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO

so the car producers come up with a better engine to utilize them. Or, working from the other direction, the refining men, learning that engine experimentation has reached a certain point, set to work to push their own experiments a step further.

The basic point is that while car engines have been improving over the past 30 years and more, so have the gaso-

WHERE YOUR GAS GOES



It takes extra gas to push your car along at high speeds.



Jack-rabbit getaways are thrilling but they eat up fuel.

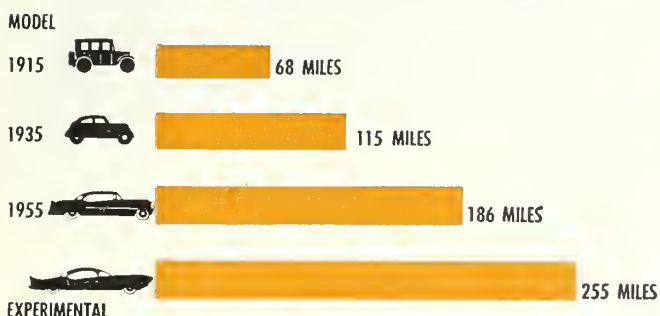
lines and oils devoured by those engines. In fact, neither industry could have developed the way it has if the other had not been striding ahead, too.

If you could do it, the ideal way to check how much the petroleum products have improved would be to fill up your new car with some motor oil made right after the war and an average gasoline made in perhaps 1948. The next step: start driving. Right away, the engine would develop a severe knock, so bad that if you kept on driving, you'd automatically crack the pistons. If you got as far as 2,000 miles without mishap, you would wind up with stuck piston rings and hydraulic valve lifters, heavy deposits in the combustion chamber, and even burned-out valves. The experiment would scarcely be worth it. That new engine would be little more than junk.

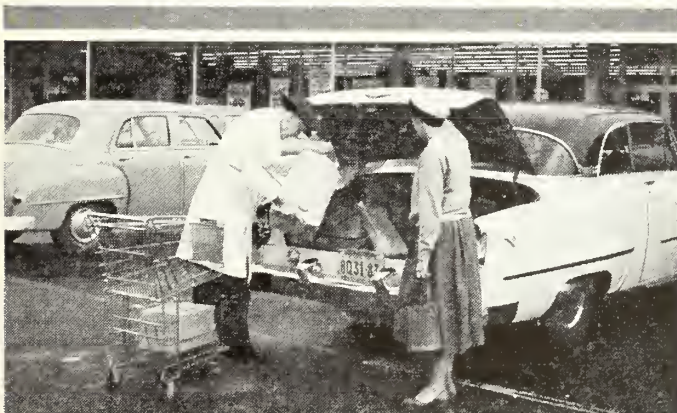
The 1955 gasolines and oils work perfectly well in the 1955 engine, of course. But before taking a close look at how they've been changed, it might pay to find out what improvements have been made in the new power plant.

First and foremost, compression ratios have been boosted. The higher this ratio is, the greater power there is available to thrust down on the piston, and the greater the engine's efficiency. To capitalize on this extra power capacity, the engineers have boosted the engine's "volumetric efficiency"—nothing more than its ability to "breathe" the air-gas mixture—so that the maximum possible fuel charge could be burned. One of the ways they achieved this was

MILEAGE FROM 10 GALLONS OF GASOLINE IN A 50 MILES PER HOUR TEST RUN

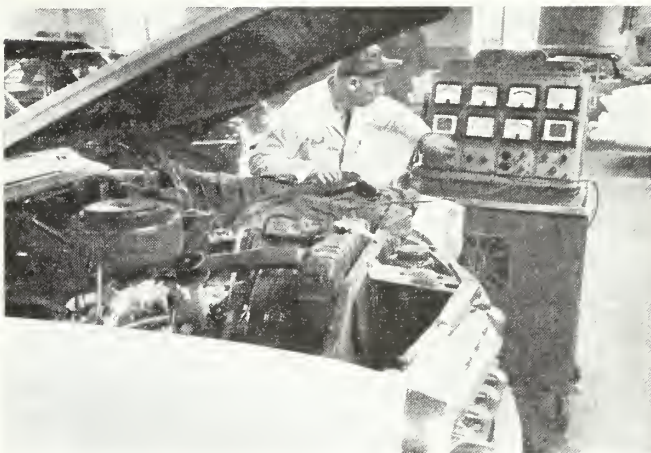


by improving the valve train—the mechanical linkage which opens and shuts intake and exhaust valves—in such a way that, for one thing, the intake valve thrusts open further into the combustion chamber but closes no less quickly than a valve would in an older engine. This means that more of the mixture can rush into the combustion chamber.

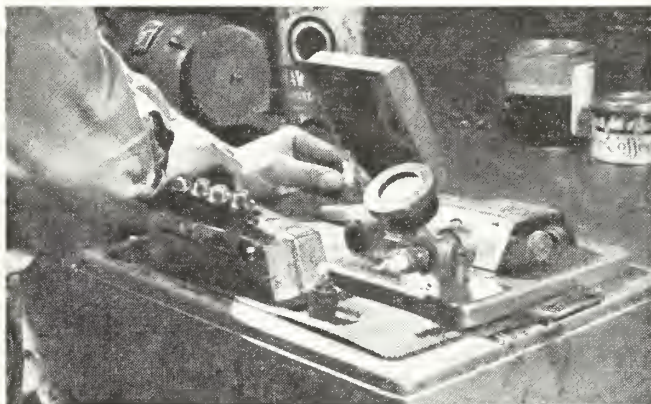


Those stop-and-go shopping expeditions cut your gas mileage.

THREE WAYS TO SAVE



The 1955 engine is more durable but it is also sensitive, and a tune-up can mean a saving of 10 to 15 per cent in gas mileage.



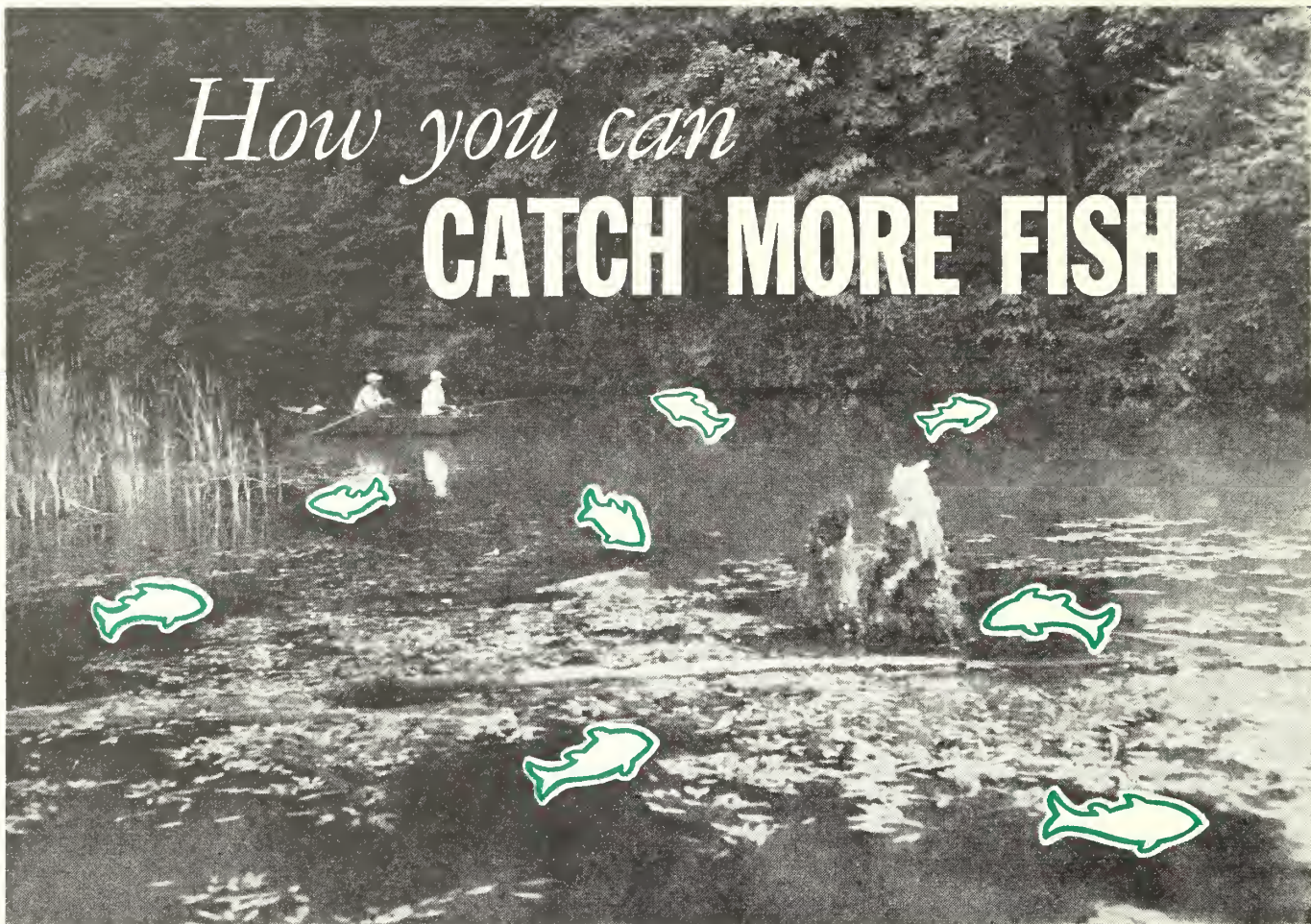
Make it a habit to have your plugs cleaned every 4,000 to 6,000 miles. With deposits removed they'll give better performance.



By using care in the selection of your motor oil you can reduce horsepower losses due to friction and make a big saving in gas.

Just these changes alone—and they're not the complete list by a long shot—have made special demands on the engine's gasoline and oil. Take the increase in compression ratio. As the piston rams upward in your new engine, it builds up higher pressures than automotive engines have ever encountered before, simply because the combustion chamber has been shrunk in size to provide the desired higher compression ratio. Thirty years ago, the maximum pressure during combustion was around 400 pounds per square inch; today it is upwards of 760 pounds. Because, in physical law, applying pressure on a gas builds up heat, these bigger-than-ever pressures mean bigger-than-ever temperatures being developed during normal operation. (Continued on page 61)

How you can **CATCH MORE FISH**



Fish lurk around the edges of lily pads, weeds, tree stumps, exposed roots and grassy banks.

Some fishing fundamentals that will help fill your creel.

By ERWIN A. BAUER

IT'S EASY for you to catch more fish. That's right. It's easy, no matter what you read in contemporary literature on the subject. It's far from the complex matter that self-styled experts would have you believe. And you can do it without a degree in aquatic biology, without traveling long distances from your home, and without owning a warehouse full of expensive tackle. That goes for all kinds of fish, from carp to trout.

Let's say, for example, you're not yet an addicted angler. You have a standard, work-horse spinning outfit, or a fly rod and reel, or maybe just a cane pole and not much else. Your time on the water is limited to occasional weekends and there's no place in your budget for a long trip. You fish for relaxation and using artificial lures seems to be too involved. Fine. Dig a can of worms, handle them properly and you're dealing in the most deadly

method of all, short of dynamite, to fill a stringer as full as a bunch of bananas.

Nearly *all* game fish, pan fish and even most coarse fish like carp will take worms occasionally, even if they're not skillfully used. But use them skillfully and you'll have all the action you can stand. Skillfully in this case means naturally.

The first time out try this experiment. Toss a single worm into the lake or stream you plan to fish and watch carefully what happens. In a stream it will drift lazily with the current, sinking gradually to the bottom. In a lake it will also sink to the bottom—but slowly and wiggling in a life-like manner. If you can follow it far enough and if the water is productive, you may even see a fish grab it. The moral is to make your worm behave as much like that free-drifting worm as possible.

How can you do it? Simply use the most uncomplicated rig you can handle

easily. Use a light leader (a section of transparent nylon or silk strand between line and hook), a small hook and, if possible, no sinker of any kind. Time was when a light outfit was a sign of a "fancy Dan" or "show-off" fisherman. Of course that was never true. It's still the best outfit for a man who wants to catch fish.

Hook the worm once near the middle, twice at the most, cast it out and allow it to drift as freely as you can by paying out line. When it hits bottom, start another drift. Never weave the bait into a ball on the hook so that it sinks quickly and unnaturally. Fish will surely spot it as a phony because worms neither look nor act like that. And stay away from sinkers that drag the bait quickly to the bottom where it's little good to anyone.

Drifting a worm as we've described it is probably the most deadly method of all for trout—even for the old lunkers that rarely give an artificial fly a second glance. And it's the easiest way too. It's effective for bass in lakes as well as in

streams. It's potent medicine for most pan fish, no matter where you find them.

Of course you can get the same results using other live baits naturally. Perhaps even better. Take hellgrammites: you can collect a day's supply in almost any stream in America by turning over rocks just above your seine. Then you can use them in the same water. Drift them—or crayfish, leeches, or lampreys—the same way we've described drifting worms. You can even do it with certain species of minnows, although most of them require either a

accurately and for delivering bait for long distances. Ten-pound test is sufficient for average bait casting. Five or six-pound test is plenty for spinning. And the fly rod fan can whip just about anything that comes in fresh water with a four-pound leader. Carry a few heavier spares for the occasional bout in waters known to hold jumbo fish.

Find the sportsman using a smaller bobber or float than all those around him and nine chances in ten you've located the man with the largest take-home catch. There are times, sure enough, when a large float is used as a

But why use a float anyway? To warn you of a bite and to keep the bait off the bottom? Certainly. Then why not stick to the smallest float that will do the job. The cork from an empty bottle of bonded, for instance, was made to order. And its neutral color is less obvious than the usual reds and whites.

But maybe you want to take your fishing a little more seriously. You don't mind a few minor complications, for after all, it is a fascinating and exciting sport. The first step is to learn to cast well with whatever gear you own. Casting alone is no guarantee of more fish, but it does help in many situations. And you don't need elaborate, expensive tackle to cast well—or to catch fish.

Casting isn't difficult. The hardest part is getting started, for if you have average coordination, you can become a good caster quickly. Spin casting can be mastered in from ten minutes to an hour. Bait casting or fly casting will take a little longer. The best way to start is to have an experienced caster show you—exactly in the manner of a golf pro. Another way is to get a book of instructions and follow it to the letter until you've learned how. You'll be surprised how simple it is.

To go just a little farther, but still to keep your fishing simple, pick out a few artificial lures. They're no more nor less effective than bait, but they save the time and effort of obtaining it. Rest assured there's nothing complicated about using lures—nothing that requires the manipulation of a magician. You just cast them out the way you cast a weight in practice. The most involved part here is selecting good lures, for there are thousands on the market and not all of them are effective. But some, like the new spinning lures, are really terrific. Among the best are the Preska Perch, Tail-lite, Abu Reflex and similar models.

Of course you can't cast these spinners at random and begin catching fish just like that—just as you can't break into the eighties the first couple of times you play golf. But there are a few short cuts, such as knowing where to concentrate your efforts and how to retrieve. For example: fish hang around "edges." These are places like the edges of weed beds, the edges of trees or logs fallen in the water, the edge of a channel or drop-off, in pockets above and below riffles, the edge of a bar, beneath undercut banks—even the edge of the water itself. All these are places where fish can hide, or where they can at least be inconspicuous. That's true for virtually all fresh water species. So always, cast to places where *you* think fish could be hiding; never cast at random to open water unless you can positively

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DO's and DON'Ts that make for better fishing . . .



Hook your worm behind the head so he can wiggle freely. Don't squeeze your worm tightly onto the hook.



Walk carefully in the water. Minimize splashing and crunching.

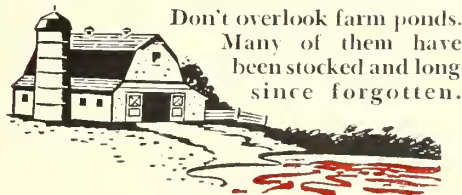
A 20-foot bamboo pole with a live minnow for bait is a good fish-getting combination. ▶



Don't allow your shadow to fall where you're casting. Fish can see.



◀ Lunkers like this one are caught by persistently following good basic fishing methods.



Don't overlook farm ponds. Many of them have been stocked and long since forgotten.

float or sinker to keep them from hiding among debris on the bottom or constantly coming to the top. Experience will reveal how your native species behave.

The use of light tackle has many advantages. For one thing, it's often the least expensive. Using a light leader attached to a light line is less likely to alert wary fish that there's danger nearby. And a light line is far easier to cast

casting weight to reach far out. But when that's not essential, a heavy float is a handicap.

Consider this: A fish makes a pass at your bait. Right away he feels the resistance from the buoyant bobber—the larger the float, the more resistance—resistance he usually doesn't encounter in his daily search for calories. Something's wrong. So he spits out the bait and you're left holding the bobber.



We'd say this is a really good item from Harold Thomsen, 523-5th Avenue North, Clinton, Iowa. "When dunking a line from a boat," he says, "try using a gallon glass jug, filled with water and several very lively minnows. Punch small holes in the metal lid so the bottle will sink to the bottom. Tie a rope through the handle and drop overboard. Fish are curious critters.



They'll spot the imprisoned minnows quickly, will fin in to leer at them. That's the time for you to drop your baited line and start fishing." What about that? The sneakiest system yet.

We always thought that MacKinlay Kantor's *Voice of Bugle Ann*, a short story about a hound dog that had a musical bay when in full cry after a fox, was about the greatest short story ever written. Those of you who have read it or saw the movie will remember the sad way Bugle Ann died—hung up on a barbed-wire fence in a deserted part of those dark, Ozark hills.

Comes a letter from James L. Simpson, Sharon, Tenn.:

"Once in a while in the field I come across a strange dog hung on a barbed-wire fence. Often the dog won't let me touch him without trying to bite me. I remove my coat, (a hunting shirt will do) wrap it around the dog's head and untangle him without being bitten." Hats off to James L. Simpson. Truly a dog's friend.

The Mitchell spinning reel imported from France by Charles Garcia & Co., Inc., of 268 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., is considered one of the best. It retails for \$29.75. The Mitchell is available in either left or right-hand models.

By writing Dick Wolff at Garcia, you can get their 36-page free booklet on spin fishing which also shows different knots, how to tie on leaders and other dope valuable to fishermen. Dick is an expert spinner who appears frequently at sportsmen's shows around the country. He will personally answer any question you want to ask about spin fishing.

The old-squaw is diving champ among waterfowl. There are documented records of many of these birds being caught in Great Lakes' gillnets at depths of 180 feet.

By JACK DENTON SCOTT

Among the improved guns announced by Savage Arms is the model 99-F Featherweight rifle. It weighs 6½ lbs. and is chambered for the .300 Savage and the .250-3000 Savage cartridges. Good for easy carrying and quick pointing. Twenty-two inch barrel. Damascened and polished breech block. Receiver drilled and tapped for popular scope mounts. Lever action and hammerless, of course, like previous 99's. List Price \$108.60.

Other guns that Savage is bringing out are the Fox B-ST shotgun, which is a double-barreled, single-trigger gun with checkered beavertail fore-end. Price \$84.95. The standard Model B will be continued at \$75.50.

Some bird shooters like a long-sighting radius and Savage meets this preference with its 36-inch barrel Model 220 hammerless single-shot shotgun which sells for \$26.70. Standard barrels at \$24.95. If your favorite dealer doesn't stock these guns or if you want more information, write to C. L. DuBuisson, Savage Arms, Chicopee Falls, Mass.



The interesting and unusual National Crow Hunt put on annually by Crawford Hale Post 95, American Legion, in Vandalia, Ill., takes place on June 17, 18 and 19.

The hunt is divided into three categories—National Individual Championship, Doubles Championship and National Crow-Calling Championship. Guides are furnished and decoys, camouflaged suites and calling are allowed. Those bringing in the largest number of crows win the titles. Contact Dan L. Burtzsch, Chairman, 321 South Seventh St., Vandalia, Ill.

Martin Leber, 599 East 18th Street, Brooklyn 26, N. Y., has enthusiasm that's catching. "Here's a great idea for catching pan fish in a strange body of water," he says. "Cast a large, bright-colored, wobbling plug as far as you can. Retrieve it at a moderate speed, giving it a little jerk every few feet. The big pan fish will follow the plug right up to the boat or dock. After this, throw in a line baited with a worm or any fish-taking bait. Before you know it you'll have a stringer full of fish."

Fishermen in the market for a new reel should look over the Bronson line. Bronson makes the only automatic free spool casting reel. Cost \$33.00. The handle disengages with the cast and engages on retrieve. They have a popular-priced line of spinning reels, too, priced from \$4.95 to \$17.95. The Bronson "Jer" at \$14.95 is a lot of spinning reel for the money. Has full bail pick-up with non-reversing crank button.



Here's a wonderful opportunity for sportsmen's clubs or nature groups to put some wholesome, interesting and valuable reading into the hands of the young people in their communities. Most boys and girls like to learn about wildlife.

Bobby Bluegill, a book of about 50 pages, is interesting and teaches fundamental fish-conservation ideas. It is one of ten books in the entertainingly written True-to-Life Series about birds, fish and animals, by Dr. E. W. Eschmeyer.

They are well written and illustrated, measure about 5" x 7", are printed on good paper, in color, and substantially bound. There are ten titles in all. Paper cover, 50¢ each; stiff cloth binding, \$1 each. Thirty per cent discount to clubs. Send 50¢ to the Fisherman Press at Oxford, Ohio, for a sample booklet.

Simon J. Freymuth, 309 N. 22d, Mattoon, Ill., feels that he is pretty tricky himself and offers the following to prove his point: "Just before you get ready to wet that line," he advises, "lift the hood of your car and take a good look at the screen in front of your radiator. You'll find it covered with insects. Now you know what kind of bugs are flying. The rest is simple. Duplicate as nearly as you can the winged things on your radiator and you'll fill that creel to the brim."

If you have a helpful idea that pertains to hunting or fishing, send it along. If we can use it, we'll reward you with a hunting or fishing accessory. Address: **OUTDOOR EDITOR**, Rod and Gun Club, *The American Legion Magazine*, 720 Fifth Avenue New York 19, New York.

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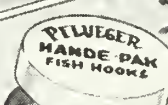


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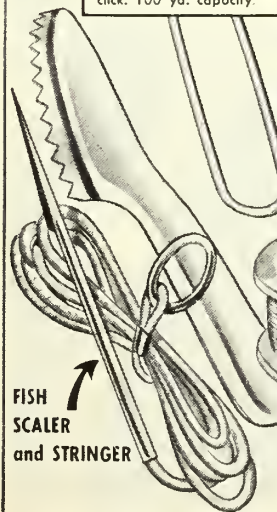
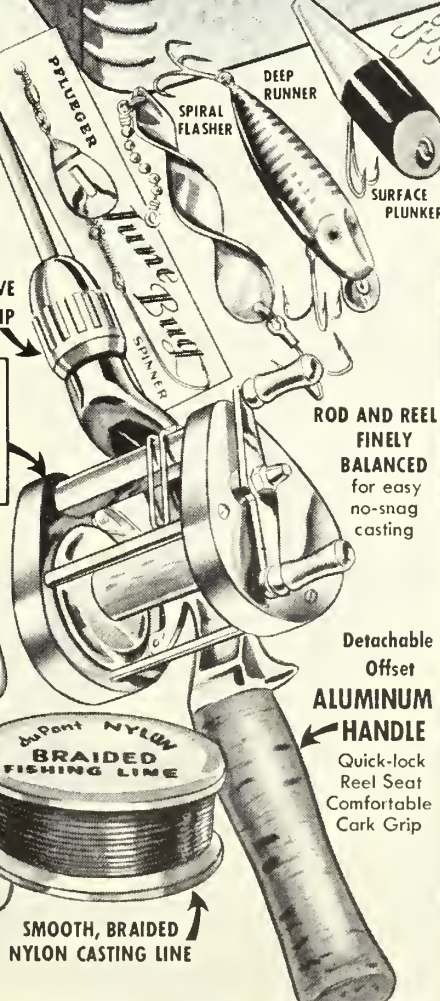
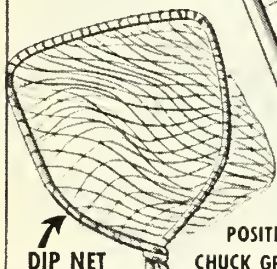
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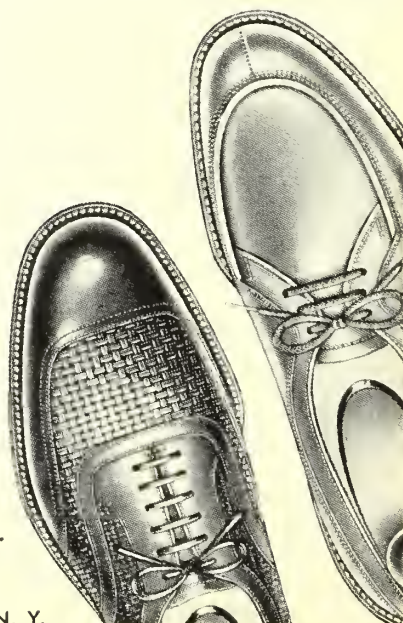
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WASHINGTON STATE OK'S \$100-\$200 KOREA BONUS; SETS WW2 BONUS DEADLINE:

Washington has become the 5th State to OK a bonus for Korea-period servicemen, and has set a final deadline for applications for its WW2 State bonus.

Korea bonus bill was signed by Governor Langlie March 18 . . . Bonus eligibility embraces service in U.S. Armed Forces for 90 days or more between June 27, 1950 and July 26, 1953, with range of \$100 to \$200 . . . Recipient must have been citizen or resident of State of Washington for one year immediately prior to induction . . . Bonus excludes those on active duty continuously for 5 years prior to June 27, 1950, as well as those who have gotten a bonus from another State or Territory for Korea service . . . If eligible vet is incompetent or deceased, bonus may be paid to certain guardians, or to survivors (including widow, children, parents) in manner and under conditions specified in law . . .

Korea bonus amounts are: \$100 for 90 or more days service in U.S. . . . \$150 for 90 days to 364 days service, any part of which was outside continental U.S. . . . \$200 for 1 year or more of service, any part of which was outside continental U.S.

Applications will not be provided until June 8, 1955 . . . No payments will be made before Jan. 2, 1956 . . . Write Office of State Auditor, Division of Veterans' Compensation, Olympia, Wash., for application.

Deadline for WW2 bonus application, State of Washington, was set in act signed by Governor, March 21 . . . To be honored, applications must be on hand by Dec. 31, 1955 . . . State Auditor has an additional year to make payments on timely applications, must complete payments by Dec. 31, 1956 . . . Vets writing about Washington WW2 bonus use address listed above for Korea bonus queries.

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WEST VIRGINIA EXTENDS WW1 & WW2 BONUS DATES, PUTS KOREA BONUS ON BALLOT:

The West Virginia legislature has extended the filing date for State bonuses for WW1 & WW2 vets to Dec. 31, 1955, giving applicants until the end of this year to file . . . The action reopens applications, since the deadline previously set had expired on June 30, 1953 . . . At the same time, the West Virginia legislature OK'd putting payment of a State bonus for Korea-period servicemen up to the people next Election Day . . . If it is authorized at the polls, Korea bonus would be acted upon by the 1957 legislature and could be payable, at the earliest, about July, 1957.

WW1 bonus in West Virginia covers active service between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918 . . . WW2 bonus covers period from Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945 . . . Both bonuses are paid at rate of \$10 a month for stateside duty, \$15 a month for service abroad, with a maximum of \$400 . . .

Those without foreign duty are held to a \$300 maximum . . . At least 90 days wartime duty is needed . . . Six months' residence in West Virginia immediately prior to induction is required . . . Requests for applications should be sent to: Bonus Division, Dep't of Veterans Affairs, State Capitol Bldg., Charleston, W. Va.

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AUSTRALIAN MEMORIAL BROCHURE AVAILABLE TO SOUTHWEST PACIFIC VETS AND THEIR SURVIVORS:

An 8-page brochure, depicting the unveiling by Queen Elizabeth (on Feb. 16, 1954) of Australia's National Memorial to America, will be made available within the limits of supply to (a) next of kin of U.S. servicemen and servicewomen who died in the Southwest Pacific in WW2, and (b) to men and women who served in the Southwest Pacific . . . Brochure is offered as a souvenir and an expression of Australia's gratitude for the sacrifices of U.S. service personnel in the Pacific in WW2 . . . Requests for the brochure should be sent to: Australian News & Information Bureau, Room 414, 636 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, N. Y.

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WHEN VETERANS MAY WEAR MILITARY UNIFORM:

Dep't of Defense Instruction 1334.1 of March 3, '55, lists occasions when persons honorably separated from active duty with the Armed Forces may wear the military uniform. . . . Holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor may wear it at any time except (a) at a meeting or demonstration that is subversive in nature (such meeting defined in the instruction), (b) in activities of a commercial nature, or (c) under circumstances that would bring discredit to the uniform . . . Others may wear the uniform at military funerals, memorial services or inaugurations; in patriotic parades on nat'l holidays, or in other ceremonies if a uniformed U.S. military unit is taking part . . . The instruction is not intended to interfere with wearing the uniform on other occasions when authorized by law . . . The uniform may be worn by vets while traveling to and from a proper ceremony for wearing it within 24 hours of that occasion . . . Honorably discharged vets of WW2 will wear the ruptured duck on the uniform . . . Uniform of highest grade attained may be worn on the occasions authorized.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIPLOMATS, ELECTRONICS SPECIALISTS:

Two agencies of gov't have advised American Legion of new career opportunities now available . . . U.S. State Dep't says it seeks "intelligent, dedicated and adventurous" young

men and women for career positions in the Foreign Service, and Civil Aeronautics Administration is seeking men who wish to devote careers to field of electronics.

State Dep't plans to add 2,300 to its Foreign Service staff, seeks people who specialize in such fields as political science, public and business administration, international labor affairs, economics, cultural relations, journalism, language and area studies . . . Wants men and women between 20 and 31 years old . . . Hopes to add about 250 junior officers a year until total increase is met . . . Beginning salaries are between \$4,393 and \$5,093 . . . Top Foreign Service salaries go up to \$14,300 . . . Competitive exams begin with one on June 24, applications for this exam required by May 2, first appointees probably hired next Jan. 1 . . . Contact Board of Examiners, Foreign Service, Dep't of State, Washington 25, D.C.

CAA is seeking electronics specialists needed immediately in Alaska . . . Salary range is \$3,410 to \$5,060, plus 25% cost-of-living differential for duty outside U.S. . . . Standard Form 57 (you can get it in any 1st or 2nd class post office) should be filled out and sent to CAA Aeronautical Center, P. O. Box 1082, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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RESERVISTS DUAL PAY FINDING NOT FINAL YET:

As reported in "Newsletter" in Feb., the U.S. Court of Claims ruled in a case last Nov. that 40 plaintiffs who are Reservists of the Army and Air Force could draw retirement pay while earning more than \$3,000 in civilian work for the gov't . . . Queries received by "Newsletter" on this subject make it advisable to note here that Court of Claims finding is not final . . . Its decision went to General Accounting Office, which will make (or has made) a recommendation to Justice Dep't regarding appeal of decision . . . On receipt of GAO advice, Justice Dep't may or may not appeal the Court of Claims decision to the Supreme Court . . . Decision would stand if Justice Dep't does not give notice of appeal within 90 days of getting GAO report, and the plaintiffs in the particular case could then draw retirement pay and gov't civilian pay . . . In that case, could others do the same? GAO could refuse to authorize payment to them and then they'd have to win suit in Court of Claims too, to collect . . . If Justice Dep't appeals decision to Supreme Court, Court of Claims ruling would hold for all others if Supreme Court made favorable finding.

Complications cited above are routine . . . Actual meaning to others concerned with same question is this: Court of Claims decision favoring dual pay will stand for all Army & Air Force Reservists entitled to retirement pay if (a) Supreme Court hears appeal and upholds Court of Claims decision, or (b) Supreme Court does not hear appeal (or no appeal is made to it) and GAO accepts Court of Claims decision as a general principle . . . Final word awaits development of these events.

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VA WARNS GAINS AGAINST TB ARE FAR FROM VICTORY:

Spectacular gains in the fight against tuberculosis, in which the VA hospitals have shown leadership, should not cause rosy hopes that TB hospitals can now be closed down . . . Gains are exciting but TB is still a serious problem, warns Dr. J. B. Barnwell, director of VA's tuberculosis program . . . On the rosy side, TB for the 1st time is not

among the 10 leading causes of death in the U.S. . . . VA's screening program that detected 4,000 to 5,000 new cases of TB among vets annually a few years ago now turns up about 2,000 . . . Drug, bed rest and surgery programs have worked so well that expansion of TB beds in VA is unlikely . . . But the disease is still prevalent, active cases are numerous, treatment is still prolonged though more effective, 2,000 new cases a year discovered among vets in VA's detection program are still a lot . . . The death rate has gone down more spectacularly than the incidence of the disease . . . Death rate per 100,000 has been cut in half since 1950, is almost 1/20 of 1900 rate . . . But there are more WWI vets in VA beds with TB than ever . . . TB, being infectious, spreads in the population whenever hospital facilities are in short supply, as in England in WW2.

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ARE THERE TOO MANY HOMES?

Home building is leaping again in U.S. . . . VA doing booming business in vet home loan guarantees . . . Now some say "too much" building is going on, while others say it's wonderful . . . If pessimistic attitude takes over, new home ownership can easily be choked off by restricting home loans . . . Recent gov't witnesses have shown trend for lenders to be gloomy about home boom, while real estate and building trade folks say FHA and VA home financing is greatest thing gov't ever created . . . Modern easy mortgages have shown appetite for home-owning far beyond any need ever satisfied before FHA & VA mortgages were invented . . . People in social work, crime prevention, etc., also enthusiastic about new huge-scale home-owning . . . Home owning makes better citizens, tighter-knit families, more responsible attitudes in people, some say.

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SEVEN IMPORTANT VET BENEFIT BILLS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS:

Recently introduced bills in Congress include seven major items put into the hopper at the request of The American Legion in pursuance of major nat'l mandates . . . Four are insurance bills to ease restrictive provisions governing NSLI (WW2) service insurance and Servicemen's Indemnity (present day) service insurance . . . The insurance bills were introduced in the House by Rep. Walter N. Aspinall (Colo.)

Bill to liberalize pensions for widows and orphans was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Milton R. Young (N. Dak.) . . . It would give widows and orphans of WW2 and Korea servicemen same basis for pension awards now provided for survivors of WW1 servicemen . . . It would also increase the present ceiling on outside income on which pension eligibility for widows and children is based, adding \$400 to the ceiling for a lone person, and \$300 to that of a person with a dependent . . . Bill also contains other features of benefit to widows and orphans of veterans.

The other two bills were introduced in the House by Rep. W. J. Bryan Dorn (S.C.) . . . One would add \$75 to a veterans burial allowance, to be earmarked for obtaining a burial site . . . The other would give VA authority to assign special rates of compensation to vets with multiple service-connected disabilities, not now adequately compensated . . . Under present rates, some vets cannot draw more than what is allowed for a disability rated 100%, though one man may have a single disability rated 100%, and other disabilities too.

MAY 1955

Hoover Commission Report On VA Draws American Legion Fire

Washington, D. C., the first week of March, was the scene of three events of great importance to The American Legion. They were (1) release of the 2nd Hoover Commission report on Federal Medical Services (2) the 32nd annual American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Conference (3) Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins' appearance before the House Armed Services Committee to testify on Nat'l Security Training.

On March 1, when 750 Nat'l, Dep't and Post service officers were called to order at the opening of the Rehab Conference in the Presidential Room of the Hotel Statler, the number one topic of informal conversation was the medical report of the 2nd Hoover Commission which had been released on Feb. 28.

Reaction to the figure-wreathed report (See Page 34) was not long in coming. Nat'l Rehab Commission Chmn Robert R. McCurdy attacked the Hoover medical report as a dollars-and-cents argument advanced to restrict the care of sick and disabled veterans.

On March 1, Chmn McCurdy led 21 members of the Nat'l Rehab Commission in a call on President Eisenhower. The group made no attempt to conceal the fact that The American Legion was "shocked and gravely disturbed" by the 2nd Hoover Commission report.

In a letter thanking the President for the meeting, Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins referred to the Hoover recommendations as "a critical problem of serious concern."

The Commander stressed the consistent support of The American Legion in every effort to reduce the cost of government, including the cost of veterans benefits. But, he said, "... we cannot help but conclude that the [Hoover] Commission would place government services to disabled veterans too much on a purely dollars-and-cents basis, without regard to the special consideration they have earned through war-time service."

Official Opposition

The American Legion did not stand alone in its opposition to the Hoover

Commission. Official Washington had a few acid-tinged remarks:

Representative Chet Holifield, (Calif.) was the one member of the Commission who gave a dissenting opinion. In part he said, "It is not in keeping with congressional intent to take a narrow and restrictive view of hospital care for veterans. The proposal to make veterans who receive medical care for non-service connected disabilities liable for future payment is wholly unrealistic."

VA Administrator Harvey Higley, addressing the Rehab Conference, displayed a map of the United States which showed what elimination of the 19 VA hospitals would mean. He pointed out that in one instance, in north central U. S., closing a hospital would mean that the nearest open hospital would be 650 miles away.

As to the Hoover Commission recommendations in general, he said, "I don't think they have much and I don't think they're going to get any place."

At the Rehab Dinner on Thursday evening, March 3, over 900 guests, including many members of Congress, roared approval when Rep. Olin Teague (Tex.), in acknowledging his introduction by Rehab Chmn McCurdy, voiced as his opinion, and that of many Congressmen, the thought that he "wouldn't worry too much about those hospitals or a bed being closed."

Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins, ad-

ressing the dinner audience, expressed the willingness of the Legion to use its wealth of experience to help any government agency. But he warned that it would at the same time resist the growing attacks on vets benefits. "The American Legion will fight with every resource at its command to preserve and protect essential veterans benefits. Our defense of these benefits will be based on principles ... not on personalities; on facts ... not on the opinion of hurried investigations."

The Commander called to the attention of the Legion two new developments which he said "bear watching."

One was the establishment of the Commission headed by General Omar Bradley to study pension, compensation, and related non-medical benefits to veterans and their dependents. The second was the Select Committee of the House of Representatives which will make a study of survivors benefits.

Meanwhile, Cmdr Collins flayed the Hoover Commission for its "unrealistic assumptions, unwarranted conclusions, and unjust recommendations." Collins warned of the need for The American Legion to meet the "bold challenge to the very concept of American veterans benefits."

When he had finished the prepared address, the Commander made a moving statement of the Legion's reaction to the continued attacks on veterans benefits.

The American Legion and its Auxiliary, said the Commander, would rather devote all their efforts to the Legion's many other constructive programs. Instead, the constant sniping at veterans was forcing the Legion to expend its



Twenty-one American Legion officials, led by Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission Chmn Robert M. McCurdy (seated above), called on President Eisenhower on March 1 to discuss the Legion's work with disabled veterans.

strength in defense of the long established and proven programs for sick and disabled veterans.

Resolved

As the four-day Rehab session ended, The American Legion Nat'l Rehab Commission passed a resolution condemning the Hoover medical report.

The report proposed, among other things, that VA consider closing 19 Veterans Administration hospitals. It recommended rescinding authorization and appropriations for hospitals not under construction, and drastic changes in eligibility for veterans medical services. It recommended setting up medical criteria for disability payments to veterans that might reduce payments by \$180,000,000 a year.

Citing the report as containing "vicious, unwarranted, and unjustified attacks on the sick and disabled veterans of America," the Commission expressed its "great shock, disappointment, and disapproval of these unfounded, uneconomic, and heartless recommendations."

In its final paragraph the Resolution asked that "the case of America's disabled be placed before the members of the 84th Congress with full confidence that the members of that body will continue to reflect the generous attitude of the American people in connection with the care of our disabled."

Rehab Conference

The American Legion service officers who attended the four-day Rehabilitation Conference discussed the administration of vets benefits with government policy makers and administrators.

Among those who addressed the Conference was the Honorable Richard Wood, Member of Parliament, Wounded while in the British Army in North Africa. Wood is a bi-lateral amputee who had received treatment at Walter Reed Hospital during WW2.

A long-time friend of the Legion and now active in rehabilitation work in England, Wood congratulated the service workers for their devotion to those less fortunate. He pointed to the similarity between American and Canadian, and English efforts in the rehab field, and the importance of voluntary efforts.

John B. Hollister, Executive Director of the Hoover Commission, spoke briefly and answered questions. One question showed the concern of rehab workers over implementation of the Hoover Commission recommendations.

The question dealt with the manner by which the recommendations could become effective. Hollister reminded the audience of the two methods pro-

vided: (1) by executive order of the President (2) by introduction of a bill or bills in Congress which would go through the usual legislative process.

Cmdr Collins voiced his fear of the first method in a letter to President Eisenhower when he said, "The American Legion is confident, Mr. President, that before any administrative action is taken to put into effect any of these recommendations, you will review these proposals very closely."

Reserve Training

On March 2, Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins appeared before the Brooks Sub-committee of the House Armed Services Committee. The sub-committee, which has been holding hearings on proposed legislation for a Reserve Training Program, heard the Commander call for a Nat'l Security Training Corps as a necessary part of an "effectively organized" Reserve.

Late in March, the Brooks Sub-committee made its report to the full Armed Services Committee. The sub-committee made substantial changes in the original proposals. It urged, among other things, eliminating the compulsory aspects of National Security Training.

Commander Collins in his earlier testimony reviewed the 35-year-long fight of The American Legion to bring into being a "strong, competent citizen-reserve to give depth and balance and firm foundation to the nation's military establishment."

He presented the Legion's view of how to correct our unfair military manpower policy. H.R. 1630, as presented by the Legion, would provide for a system of compulsory peacetime military training for young men.

Noting that the committee had heard testimony on legislation submitted by the Department of Defense, Cmdr Collins emphasized that "the objectives of their plan and ours are basically the same. Both seek a large, well-trained reserve."

M-Day

Recognizing that some mail being received by members of Congress is unfavorable toward NST legislation, the Commander on March 1, gave the word that M-Day—"Message Day" had arrived.

He urged that letters and telegrams prepared earlier and expressing strong support of pending legislation be sent to Senators and Congressmen at once.

With the fate of NST legislation in the balance as this magazine went to press, plans were underway for "Operation Re-load" to get still more mail to Congress supporting the Legion's number one legislative objective for 1955.

HOOVER REPORT:

A Public Service?

On March 27, it became almost certain that the Hoover Commission's recommendations as they affect the veterans medical program would be discounted by the Congress. Rep. Olin Teague (Tex.), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, rejected nine of the total of 11 recommendations as unsound, unworkable and unfair.

The two Hoover recommendations approved by Teague were (1) That VA emphasize its program of rehabilitation of aged and bedridden veterans, and (2) That the provisions governing veterans care be consolidated into a single body of laws and regulations.

The report on Federal medical services of the 2nd Hoover Commission was released Feb. 28.

Its recommendations affecting veterans medicine and disability payments are, by and large, so naked of consideration of important factors that would be involved in accepting them that they offer no sound guidance for Congress or the Administration.

More surprising, the report contains unbelievably careless statements of asserted fact leading to a tremendous exaggeration of what the present extent of Federal medical services is.

That these misstatements would seriously misinform the public, and thus render a public disservice, became quickly apparent within a week of the release of the report when experienced newspaper editors in many sections of the country who relied on the Hoover report as the basis of editorials were led completely astray.

Among early newspaper victims were the *Shreveport* (La.) *Times* and the *Milwaukee Journal*, two of many. The *Shreveport Times* ran an alarmed editorial, based mainly on a statement lifted from the Hoover report that the cost of Federal medical services in 1954 was \$4,149,000,000.

The figure wasn't even close. Not only did the Hoover report charge to "Federal medical services in 1954" a matter of \$274 million that was spent on long-term capital investment to build Federal and community hospitals, but it amazingly lumped into its large figure for Federal medical services in 1954 *more than two billion dollars of Federal costs having no relation to medical activities of any sort.*

The *Shreveport* editorial went on to cite the "operation" cost of Federal medical services as "more than \$4,000,000,000," annually.

Actual operation costs of Federal medical services in 1954 were under

\$1.8 billion, much of it chargeable to the maintenance of nearly 3 million men in the Armed Forces.

The *Milwaukee Journal*, on March 6, ran a similar editorial, based on the Hoover report and headlined "Fifth of Nation Gets Federal Health Care; Costly, Wasteful." The editors relied, as they should be able to rely, on a Hoover report statement that says: "It [the Federal government] has undertaken specific responsibility for all or part of the medical care of 30 million [people]."

While 30 million people is very close to a fifth of the nation, no such number of persons is getting Federal health care, nor has the government "undertaken responsibility" (specific or otherwise) for any part of the care of such number of persons.

The Hoover report explains the largest part of its 30 million Federal patients by saying: "Of these, 17.5 million are veterans with no service connected disability who are eligible for free hospitalization on their statement of inability to pay."

At the time of the Hoover survey, care for veterans in this group was being provided for exactly 17,438,135 fewer veterans than the 17,500,000 reported—some 61-odd thousand in all.

To arrive at its huge figure the Hoover Commission extended to every living veteran those provisions which make veterans eligible for VA care and ignored those provisions and controls which deny them eligibility or care.

Congress limits care for non-service-connected disabilities by requiring veterans to meet conditions which only a small fraction of them can meet.

It limits both care and responsibility for care to that which can be given with the facilities and appropriations Congress provides. Congress has never furnished facilities or appropriations to care for a patient load of 80,000 non-service-connected cases, let alone 17,500,000.

Any vastly larger responsibility undertaken by the government for these veterans, as asserted by the Hoover report, has never been undertaken.

Members of Congress who know the limits of the responsibility it has assumed have looked with arched eyebrows at the Hoover exaggerations.

But persons more removed from the facts are almost certain to be led astray.

Look for excited citizens groups to demand curtailment of the veterans medical program on the basis of misplaced trust in the Hoover report's enormous inflation of the facts.

Medical Charge Account

Most of the actual recommendations affecting veterans contained in the Hoover medical report are transparently bare of consideration of the most im-

portant factors involved if they were to be adopted.

One recommendation is that veterans who get VA care for non-service-disabilities (on the basis of financial need, medical necessity and available facilities) should be required by law to pay for such care at any time in the future when they might have enough funds.

But the report contains no study of the legal and administrative complications that a medical charge account with the Federal government, payable when possible, would lead to.

Collection methods, based on a lifetime check-up of discharged patients, could be fantastically complicated.

The legal status of an arrangement that is neither benefit nor contract, but a little of both, is not mentioned in the report, though it could be incredibly confusing.

What could be gained by such an arrangement is not mentioned. Plainly, the Hoover Commission seeks a method to recapture some money, but whether the game is worth the candle is not shown.

No study of the present or future earning capacity of non-service-connected patients in VA hospitals is included, although the report contains the usual offhand references to "gold-brickers."

Many of these patients are in their last illness or are so permanently disabled that their future earning capacity is dubious. Most are well along in years, more than a third are mentally ill.

Hospital Closing

The suggestion of the Hoover report that 19 named VA hospitals be closed has as its chief supporting evidence the task force figures of the gross operating costs of the 19 hospitals. The task force report says that the hospitals are "ineffective" but does not show how. It says they are "uneconomical" but doesn't show how. It says some of them are "too small" but does not indicate why a hospital should be closed if it is small.

The report does not allege that the 19 hospitals are mismanaged.

It contains no study of the medical need served by the 19 hospitals in the areas they serve, and fails in every way to equate the cost figures it cites to the value of the institutions in fulfilling their function.

The report suggests that the patients now served by the 19 hospitals could be shifted to other VA hospitals. The closing of the 19 hospitals would denude large areas of the country of VA institutions so that patients now served in their own areas would, in most instances, have to travel 600 miles round trip, some of them more than 1200 miles, to the next facility. The report

offers no study of the medical advisability of such travel for the types of patients involved nor of the attendant costs.

Compensation Slash

Another recommendation of the Hoover report calls for a drastic "tightening up" that the Commission estimates could cut \$180,000,000 a year from annual payments for disability to living veterans. The recommendation is strongly supported by statements of opinion of the Commission, but contains nothing remotely like a study.

The report says that compensation for war-incurred disabilities is "not realistically related to loss of earning power," and envisions savings by reducing it.

The meaning of "realistic" is not shown. No analysis is offered to show that the present system of rating war disabilities is too extravagant, or that compensation is out of line with the established system.

Most surprising of all, the report attempts to make its case by citing the payment of \$50 a month for the loss of a big toe in service as an example of what it means by "not realistic." It then offers no analysis of what is proper compensation for loss of a big toe except the Commission's *feeling* that \$50 is too much.

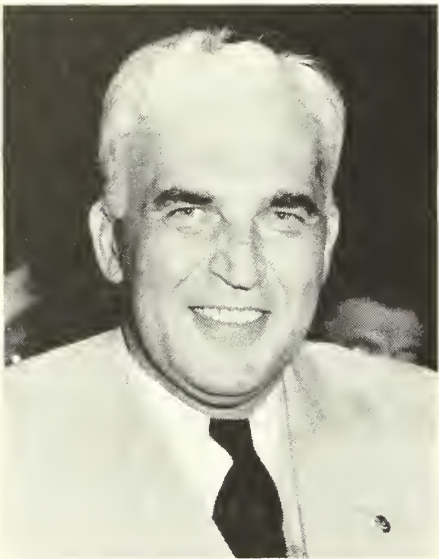
The citation of the loss of a big toe looks very much like an attempt to make war injuries look slightly ludicrous. It is not a typical or representative war disability.

On the other hand, loss of the big toe is a serious disability. While it interferes but slightly with the work of a lawyer or a writer, it impairs and limits the working capacity of manual laborers, many skilled laborers and those who must walk a great deal in their calling. It is a damaging injury for a farmer. It officially disqualifies policemen and firemen and many others from their careers. It destroys the careers of others, such as ballet dancers, acrobats and some professional athletes. But no evaluation of this disability accompanies the Hoover contention that it is over-compensated.

Formerly, war injuries were compensated according to the means of livelihood of each individual. The administrative work of equating each individual's disability to his line of work was so great that in the early Thirties Congress instructed the VA to rate many war-incurred disabilities according to the average impairment. The Hoover report contains nothing of a factual nature to support its statements that these and other disability payments are out of line and could be "realistically" adjusted at a level of \$180,000,000 a year lower.

The recommendations are incompletely thought out.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS McNUTT AND HAYES DIE



Paul Vories McNutt

THE 11th and 16th Nat'l Commanders of The American Legion died between March 24 and April 1. They were Paul V. McNutt, Nat'l Commander in 1928-29 (d. March 24), and Edward A. Hayes (d. April 1), Nat'l Commander in 1933-34.

McNutt, 63, died at his home in New York City, of cancer of the throat. Hayes, 61, died of an embolism in Alexian Brothers hospital in Chicago. Both

were veterans of the First World War.

A charter member of Post 18, Bloomington, Ind., *Paul V. McNutt* served as Post Commander, Dep't Commander of Indiana, and Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Indiana before being elected Nat'l Commander in San Antonio in 1928.

He was a lawyer, and had been dean of the Indiana University Law School. He was a prominent figure in the New Deal, and was Governor of Indiana in 1933. He served twice as the highest U.S. emissary to the Philippines.

He served in the Field Artillery in WW1 and was discharged a licut. colonel. He was a contender for the Democratic nomination for President of the U.S. in 1940.

At the request of his wife, Kathleen, he was buried with American Legion services, led by Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins and Rev. William H. Adams, Past Dep't Cmdr of the District of Columbia, at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery on March 28.

Edward A. Hayes, also a lawyer, was a charter member of Post 105 in his home town of Decatur, Ill. He served as Dep't Commander of Illinois and Nat'l Executive Committeeman. He was elected Nat'l Commander in 1933 in Chicago.

During his term of office he led the



Edward Arthur Hayes

Legion's successful fight against the Economy Act of 1933. Since WW2, he was continuously active on the Legion's nat'l rehabilitation front. He served in a staff capacity as an ensign in the Navy in WW1. He was recalled as a captain in WW2.

Funeral services were held in Decatur, Ill. on April 5. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and daughters Mary, Ann, Martha and Catherine.

EDUCATION:

Calling All Citizens

A big White House Conference on Education is set for late this fall. Conference is preceded by a series of State and territorial conferences on education, some already held, some not yet held.

Federal gov't urges wide representation of lay groups in addition to professional educators at State and Federal meetings.

Administration expects to be guided in future by expressions of these conferences on public education, thus it is important that expressions actually be representative.

The American Legion has many mandates and a long-time close interest in public education, which each Dep't should make known at its State conference.

Among State conferences already held, some Legion Dep'ts have not participated, others (such as Nebraska) have played a very active role.

Upcoming State conferences for which dates are set or approximated (details of which can be had from State education dep't) include the following:

Alaska, Oct.; *Ariz.*, April 25-26, follow-up in Oct.; *Ark.*, summer or early

fall; *Calif.*, Sept. 26-27; *Colo.*, Sept.; *Conn.*, one State conference already held, additional regional conferences during April & May; *Del.*, Oct. 8; *Idaho*, June; *Ind.*, Oct. 13 (tentative); *Kans.*, one conference already held, another in Sept. or Oct.; *Maine*, early fall; *Md.*, June; *Mass.*, Sept.

Mich., May 18 (regional conferences now under way); *Minn.*, May 23-24; *Miss.*, Aug. or Sept. (3 regional conferences in summer); *Mont.*, Sept. 22-23 (9 district conferences June 6-17); *Nebr.*, one already held, follow up in spring or fall; *N. H.*, June 6 (4 regional conferences now under way).

N. J., May 20-21; *N. D.*, Oct. 3-4; *Ore.*, June; *Puerto Rico*, summer; *S. C.*, July or Aug.; *S. D.*, State conference depends on outcome of 2 regionals recently held; *Tenn.*, Aug. or Sept.; *Vt.* Sept.; *Va.*, Aug.; *W. Va.*, Sept.; *Wis.*, June 27-28.

States and territories not mentioned have announced no plans or have completed conferences. Check with education dep't for info.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

► Nat'l Cmdr Collins has urged all Departments to enter floats "depicting the most famous products, the scenic land-

marks, and the greatest sources of pride" of their States in the parade of the 37th Nat'l Convention at Miami, Fla., Oct. 11.

► Post 5, Waterville, Maine, held a Jim Boyle Night on Feb. 26, tendering a special banquet and life membership to James L. Boyle, the only Adjutant that the American Legion Dep't of Maine has ever had. Legionnaires all over the country sent testimonials.

► The American Legion Nat'l Legislative Commission, under the chairmanship of Jerome Duggan (Mo.), held a 3-day meeting in Washington, March 23-25, ending with a banquet to the Congress in the Hotel Statler, that was attended by more than 400 members of the nat'l legislature. The Commission meetings reviewed Legion legislative plans for the year.

► Michael Miller, Los Angeles, Calif., won first prize, a \$4,000 scholarship, at the 1955 American Legion Nat'l Oratorical Finals in Blackwell, Okla., on April 1. Other winners were: David Leahy, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2nd place; Gary Schultz, Mitchell, S. Dak., 3rd place; and Dan Duckworth, Jacksonville, Fla., 4th place. More than 325,000 high school students participated in the 1955 contests.

► Armed Forces day is May 21. It has been observed since 1950, on the 3rd Saturday in May, as a single day to honor all branches of the U. S. Armed Forces. Essence of the day is the holding of open house for public inspection of Armed Forces installations and ships.



11th Airborne Div., under Maj. Gen. Wayne C. Smith (center, overseas cap), puts on a Legion Birthday paradrop at Fort Campbell, Ky. It was Legion Day, with Gen. Smith & Post 233 as hosts.

► The American Legion's 36th Birthday, March 15-17, was widely celebrated in the nation. Samples: (a) 11th Airborne Division timed a training sky-drop at Fort Campbell, Ky., to honor Legion (see pic), (b) Post 302, Rehoboth, Mass., held a silver anniversary dinner dance, (c) Post 512, Altamont, Ill., held a birthday party, gave life membership to Post co-founder C. M. Wilson, nat'l Legion membership director, (d) hundreds of Posts & friends ran cooperative Legion birthday ads in local papers, (e) Gov. Brunsdale proclaimed March 13-19 American Legion Birthday Week in N. Dak.

► The Sunday night radio show "Inheritance," a series of dramatic plays based on American history and co-sponsored by The American Legion and the Nat'l Broadcasting Company, ended on April 24. Thanks to the NBC cooperation, under Executive Vice-Pres. Robert Sarnoff and Manager of Public Service Programs Edward Stanley, the \$32,000 series went on network time for 55 Sundays without cost to The American Legion.

► Kinescopes (filmed sight and sound recordings of TV presentations) of the 1955 Back to God TV program are obtainable for showing by Posts, from Motion Picture Section, Public Relations Div., P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

► The Dep't of Minnesota won the Henry D. Lindsley Trophy, an annual award to the department attaining the highest percent of its preceding year's membership by March 1st. Minnesota's percentage was 97.06.

► Dep't of Louisiana, with 100.15%, became the eighth department to reach its 1955 membership quota.

► The Detachment of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion, won the Arthur D. Houghton Trophy by attaining the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's total membership.

► Study in the 10th annual American Legion Extension Institute will start in September. Enrollment for this term of the Institute—a correspondence course in American Legion operation—will be accepted until Aug. 15. For more info, write: Membership & Post Activities, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

Dr. Garland Murphy, Past Dep't Cmdr of Arkansas (1952-53), appointed to American Medical Ass'n Committee on Maternal and Child Care.

Lawrence J. Centola, appointed Adj't of Dep't of Louisiana, succeeding the late *Matt Monaghan*.

Hanford MacNider, Past Nat'l Cmdr (1921-22), discharged from hospital in New York after successful operation.

Jose J. de Guzman, appointed Acting Adj't of Dep't of Philippines, succeeding *Melencio O. Orbase*, resigned.

Erle Cocke, Jr., Past Nat'l Cmdr (1950-51), elected to board of directors of the State Mutual Insurance Co.

Died

Pete B. Jarman, Jr., Past Dep't Cmdr of Alabama (1927-28), of a heart ailment, in Washington, D.C.

Miss Bertha Proestel, Sec'y-Treas. of The American Legion Auxiliary of Michigan for 27 years, suddenly, in Detroit.

Louis J. Chevallier, Past Dep't Cmdr of Connecticut (1946-47), in Glastonbury, Conn.

Mrs. Enid E. Stambaugh, wife of Past Nat'l Cmdr Lynn U. Stambaugh (1941-42), following a heart attack, in Washington, D. C.

RECENT POST DOINGS:

► Post 74, Modesto, Calif., has fielded four American Legion Junior Baseball teams for the past two years, and will do so again this year. Money involved last season: \$1,495.

► Post 1324, Auburn, N. Y., donated a stone monument memorial to St. Hyacinth's church and school in that community. Memorial honors the deceased vets of Post 1324 and St. Hyacinth's parish.

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Post and Unit 217, Burna, Ky., has recently sponsored Red Cross First Aid Instructor's classes; held (without charge) a two-day agricultural fair in the home in their 23-acre park; given a party for all the children in the community; presented to each school child in the county a card bearing the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; donated use of their building to March of Dimes and Cancer Crusade.

Post 273, Riverhead, N. Y., presented to the Suffolk County Historical Society three original oil paintings which had hung in Camp Upton (N. Y.) headquarters. Paintings are of: Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing; Adm. George Dewey; and Gen. Emory Upton (for whom Camp Upton was named).

Post 89, Ashland, Kans.: donated proceeds of a dance to the March of Dimes; contributed use of its hall for the Home Nursing Course sponsored by the Red Cross; co-sponsored (with its Auxiliary Unit) a bazaar which raised \$300 for the Legion Building Fund.

Post 28, Spartanburg, S. C., noted — in a local newspaper feature — reactions of mothers whose sons face the draft. Post decided to show them how the modern Army is put together and how it handles its responsibilities. Result: Post invited the draftees and their mothers to a movie party at which the documentary film *This Is Your Army* was shown.

Post 338, Overland, Mo., is adding a swimming pool and bath house (cost: approx. \$180,000) to its ten-acre grounds which already contain a softball diamond and playground.

Post 84, Aurora, Ill., presented plaques and literature stressing Americanism to the upper elementary grades of the 12 public and parochial schools in the Post area. Gift included 800 copies of *You and the Constitution of the United States*, and plaques of the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Independence Hall. Post's action is part of its "Children's American Heritage Program" activity which emphasizes the teaching of the Constitution of the U. S. in the upper elementary grades.

As part of its Back to God program, Post 1, Williamsport, Pa., erected — on the lawn of the City Hall — a huge billboard bearing a message reminding those who read it to pray.

Post and Unit 627, Cleveland, Ohio, provided one hour of entertainment by professional performers for the vets in Crile VA Hospital. On same visit, Post and Unit also; presented a TV set to one of the wards; treated the vets to snacks; distributed 1000 packs of cigarettes.

Post 1033, Elmont, N. Y., held its annual dance to raise funds to carry out its pilgrimage to the vets at Kings Park Hospital.

Post 590 (comprised of women), Duluth, Minn., presented an American Flag to a school of nursing in that community.

Post 17, Portland, Maine, spotlighted Civil Defense by conducting a panel discussion on that subject. Among the speakers were Gov. Edmund S. Muskie and Col. Harry Mapes, State Director of Civil Defense. The Governor swore in Civil Defense police units of Post 17 and two other Posts. Meeting was attended by 34 Legion Post and County Commanders and by officials of various other vets organizations in the area.

Eight members of Post 1, Denver, Colo., arrived in Omaha, Nebr., prepared to (1) sell tickets to Denver baseball games and (2) enroll members in the Denver Legion Post. The Denverites were (1) picked up by the police for selling without peddler's licenses (2) tried by a panel of three judges (all members of Omaha Post 1, Denver's rival for the "top spot" in Legion membership), (3) given suspended sentences, and (4) entertained at the Omaha Post Home and given keys to the city of Omaha.

Post 66, Pikesville, Tenn., donated \$600 to the Boy Scouts' Camp Cherokee building fund.

Post 360, Reading, Mich., boasts 326 members in a community of 1,050. Post has a fully uniformed drill team and firing squad of 21 members.

COMING EVENTS:

Armed Forces Day, May 21st

Memorial Day, May 30th

Flag Day, June 14th

Dep't Conventions:

Florida at Sarasota, May 20-21

Utah at Vernal, June 2-4

North Carolina at Raleigh, June 2-5

Italy at Viareggio, June 4-6

Colorado at Glenwood Springs,

June 10-12

Canada at Ottawa, Ont., June 11

Massachusetts at Revere, June 16-18

Arizona at Tucson, June 16-19

Delaware at Rehoboth Beach,

June 17-18

Maine at Augusta, June 17-19

Montana at Lewiston, June 17-19

New Hampshire at Dover, June 17-19

Rhode Island at Providence, June 17-19

So. Carolina at Myrtle Beach,

June 17-19

No. Dakota at Bismarck, June 19-21

So. Dakota at Aberdeen, June 20-21

Wyoming at Torrington, June 23-25

New Mexico at Las Vegas, June 24-26

California at San Diego, June 26-29

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

Army

Camp Bowie, Tex., Hq Supply Co—About mid-October, 1918, Sgt George Tucker took approximately 12 other men and me to the infirmary. While there, I had what was thought to have been a heart attack. Tucker fanned me with his hat while we were sitting outside the building. When we formed in line, I fell and Pvt Jim Lane of Lawton, Okla., caught me. I was then hospitalized. Prior to this time I suffered two similar attacks while in the service. In order to establish claim, I need to learn the whereabouts of George Tucker (a native of Fort Worth, Tex., he was acting Sgt in my company, was promoted to Sgt just prior to his discharge; he then worked for Swift or Armour in Fort Worth), Jim Lane, or anyone who served with me. Write me, **George G. Franklin**, Route 1, Brownsboro, Tex.

153rd Medical Bn, Co D—On Dec. 3, 1942, I fell on the obstacle course at Camp Barkley, Tex. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from those who saw the accident. Especially recall: Lt Harms, Sgt John Deerbeer (Tex.), Frank Fox (Mont.), Isaac Vincent (N. C.), Pvt Chestnut (N. C.). Write me, **Ellis Bailey**, VA Center, Bonham, Tex.

36th Div, 141st Inf, Co A—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with me. Write me, **Virgil Dee Chipman**, Bandera, Tex.

863rd AAA—Need to hear from buddies of **Clayton Sanford** who were with him at the time he received shrapnel wounds in England and who helped to remove shrapnel from him. Widow's claim pending. Write Wm. E. Leydorf, Service Officer, 13 Woodland Ave., Willard, Ohio.

Fort Snelling, Minn., Medical Detachment—In Dec., 1942, I (a Pvt) was one of a group of 8 or 10 men loading freight onto a truck at the depot. While stacking boxes in the truck, I stepped into a hole in the truck floor and injured my knee. The truck driver was ordered to take me to the dispensary. I need to hear from anyone who knew me or who recalls my injury. Write me, **Clifford D. Schmidt**, Saum, Minn. Claim pending.

462nd Parachute Field Artillery, Battery C—While serving in the Pacific area from 1943 to 1945, I injured my knee. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from those who served with me. Write me, **Nicholas J. Rizzuto**, 508 Andrew St., Apt. B, New Orleans, La.

227th Searchlight Bn—Need to hear from someone who remembers the nose injury I received while unloading ammunition at Atapee, New Guinea, during May, 1943. Write me, **Joseph M. Kulka**, 110 Stevens St., Lockport, N. Y. Claim pending.

29th Div, 104th Ammunition Train, Co G—Need to contact those who served with me or who remember that I was in the Camp Hospital, and in Base Hospital 53, in France from late Feb. to about Apr. 14, 1919. Especially need to hear from Deroy Holmes (Provo, Utah), Cpl Moltz, Wiggins, John Brookes, and the Snyder family (relatives of a buddy of mine who are thought to live in St. Louis, Mo.). Write me, **Ben A. Liehr**, 409 W. Washington St., Macomb, Ill. Claim pending.

799th MP Bn, Co D—In Sydney, Australia, in 1944, I suffered a foot injury and was treated at the dispensary. My back was also treated, but VA can find no record of it. For two months I was on crutches in camp doing CQ duties. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who recalls the injury or the treatment. Especially need to hear from Capt Hull and Sgt Starr (Montgomery, Ala.). Write me **John B. Tendzigsolsky**, 9½ Union St., Pittston, Pa.

Camp Cumberland, Pa.: Special Training Unit—In July 1945, while taking basic training, I was accidentally struck on the head with a rifle by another recruit during rifle drill. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who saw this accident or who knows about it. Write me, **William L. Poole**, Box 25, Lorton, Va.

81st Div, 306th Ammunition Train Band, Co F—While serving with this unit in France in Dec. 1918, I had the flu and a back injury. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with me or who knows about my illness and injury. Especially recall: Zephania, Hallowell, Laster, Oliver, Stewart, Ferrell, Fiedler, Turbyfill, Taylor, Kubiak, Powers. Write me, **Mike Markowski**,

209 N. State St., Westville, Ill. Claim pending.
633rd Field Artillery—At the front near Milano, Italy, in 1945, a 155 Long Tom blew up. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone, especially Thomas Kearns of Cambridge, Mass., who recalls the incident. Write me, **Joseph M. Silva, Jr.**, 151 Brook St., Providence, R. I.

Navy

USS ABSD-4—When this ship was torpedoed, Apr. 29, 1945, I suffered a back injury. In order to establish claim, I need to contact former shipmates, especially Pharmacist's Mates and engine room personnel of Divisions A, E, and M. Write me, **John A. Verderame**, 2516 S. 9th St., Philadelphia 48, Pa.

USS Platte—Need to contact men who served on this ship in the summer of 1944 and who remember that **Amos M. Sullivan** (called Sully & Pop) was in sick bay and was unable to retain food or water and that he lost weight rapidly. His widow seeks to establish claim, and needs to hear from anyone who recalls her husband. She recalls that he mentioned: Carl Smith, Acosta, and a man named Henshaw or Crenshaw. Sullivan was transferred from the ship to a hospital in Calif. Write Mrs. Amos M. Sullivan, Rte 2, Hulbert, Okla.

Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, Naval Supply Base 140—Need to hear from anyone who was stationed with me at this base between July 1944 and Dec. 1945, or from anyone who was stationed on San Juan Hill and who remembers working with me loading and unloading cargo on Pier 4. Write me, **Jerry V. Svoboda**, 418 E. Walnut St., Redwood Falls, Minn. Claim pending.

YMS 10—In order to establish claim, I need to contact Slotman or Scottoman (a Phar Mate 1/c from Tex.) who served with me in New Guinea. He later left for NOTS. Write me, **Thomas E. O'Neil**, 20-A Caughy St., Waltham 54, Mass.

USS Richard P. Leary—In order to establish claim, A. A. Dagley needs to learn the whereabouts of Claude Vest who served with him in June or July 1944 and who knows of an injury Dagley received. Write H. A. Wenige, American Legion Service Officer, 217-219 West Court Ave., Jeffersonville, Ind.

Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Hospital, Main Side, Ward 6, South—Need to learn the whereabouts of Lt Comdr Falkenberg who was my doctor and who knows of my back injury at the time I was hospitalized from July to Sept. 1944. Before he entered the service, Dr. Falkenberg ran a kidney sanitarium in San Francisco, Calif. Write me, **Gordon S. Boyer**, Box 586, Eaton, Colo.

Air

Atkinson AFB, British West Indies—Need to hear from those who were stationed at this base from March to July 1948. Especially need to hear from Alfonso Valdes. Need to learn the name of the airman who slept next to me and who had tuberculosis. I now have TB and need the information to establish claim. Write me, **Mannel J. Lopez**, Ward 7-A, VA Hospital, East Orange, N. J.

1505th AAF Base Unit—While serving on Canton Island, S/Sgt **James P. McDowell**, a radio mechanic, was injured. In order to establish claim, his widow needs to hear from those who served with him. Write her, Mrs. James P. McDowell, c/o Scott, 234 Main St., Malden 48, Mass.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Notices restricted to those which give: Name of outfit; date; city; meeting place of reunion; name and address of person to contact for additional information.

Army

9th Army—Reunion, near Falmouth, Mass.; June 22-24 Treadway Inn. Info from C. B. F. Brill, 202 East 44th St., New York 17, N. Y.

Society of the 3rd Inf Div—Reunion, Portland, Oreg.; July 15-17; Multnomah Hotel. Contact Joseph Southworth, 3113 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland, Oreg.

3rd Armored Div Ass'n—8th annual convention, St. Louis, Mo.; July 28-30; Jefferson Hotel. For info contact Paul W. Corrigan, 80 Federal St., Boston 10, Mass.

4th Armored Div Ass'n—9th annual convention, Boston, Mass.; June 23-25; Hotel Statler. Info from Anthony J. Passanante, P.O. Box 42, Arlington, N. J.

8th Armored Div Ass'n—6th annual reunion, Washington, D. C.; July 1-3; Sheraton-Park Hotel. Info from Henry B. Rothenberg, 134 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 2, Ill.

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"NOT A MAN IN SIGHT..."

From the Reader's Digest feature, Life in These United States... "true stories showing appealing or humorous side-lights on the American scene."

As I was driving along a country road with four other women as my guests a tire went flat. My heart sank with it, for my tire-changing experience was nil and the road was empty of aid. Pulling to the side, I hunted out the tools, remarking as I did so:

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26th (Yankee) Div Vets Ass'n—Convention, Manchester, N. H.; June 10-12; Hotel Carpenter. Contact Archie J. Vigneault, 11 West Appleton St., Manchester, N. H.

Society of the 28th Div—Annual convention, Scranton, Pa.; July 21-23; Hotel Jermyn. For info write Robert B. Muir, 604 Dean St., Scranton, Pa.

30th Inf Div Ass'n—9th annual reunion, Nashville, Tenn.; June 30-July 2; Andrew Jackson Hotel. Write 30th Inf Div Ass'n, P.O. Box B, Bergen Station, Jersey City, N. J.

42nd (Rainbow) Div—Annual reunion, Omaha, Nebr.; July 13-15; Fontenelle Hotel. Contact Howard Brace, 6629 N. 35th St., Omaha, Nebr.

76th Inf Div Ass'n—Reunion, New York, N. Y.; June 18; Hotel Commodore. Info from Alfred S. Kalet, 116 John St., New York 7, N. Y.

82nd Div Ass'n—Semi-annual reunion, Macon, Ga.; May 15; Hotel Dempsey. For details contact James F. Brown, Sr., P.O. Box 216, Macon, Ga.

84th (Railsplitters) Div (WW2)—10th annual reunion, Atlanta, Ga.; July 11-13; Fort McPherson. For details write Bernard Grimm, P.O. Box 229, Covington, Ky.

102nd (Ozarks) Div Ass'n—7th annual reunion, Toledo, Ohio; July 21-24; Commodore Perry Hotel. For info contact Cleve A. Wilson, 454 Russet Rd., Seaford, N. Y.

U.S. Army Ambulance Service Ass'n—36th annual reunion, Buffalo, N. Y.; July 14-16; Statler Hotel. Write Frank J. Williams, 29 Crescent Ave., Buffalo 14, N. Y.

1st Minn. & 135th Inf Vets Ass'n—25th annual reunion, Minneapolis, Minn.; May 7; G.A.R. Memorial Hall, Court House, Write J. P. Heck, 4318 North Oliver, Minneapolis 12, Minn.

1st Engr Combat Bn (WW2 Officers)—10th annual reunion, New York, N. Y.; May 7; Hotel Statler. Contact Arthur F. Hoffmann, 89 Sigourney St., Hartford 5, Conn.

482nd Ord Evac Co—Reunion, Worcester, Mass.; May 7-8; Edgemere Lodge. Info from Moses Hajjar, 78 Valmor St., Worcester 4, Mass.

Base Hospital No. 27 (AEF)—36th reunion, New York, N. Y.; May 7; Hotel Wellington. Contact Bernard J. McAfee, 305 8th Ave., Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

305th Machine Gun Bn Post 502—37th annual reunion dinner, New York, N. Y.; May 9; 77th Div Club House (28 E. 39th St.). Write Edwin S. Gorham, Jr., 74 Trinity Pl., New York 6, N. Y.

WAC Vets Ass'n, Greater, N. Y. Chapter No. 11—6th annual dinner, New York, N. Y.; May 12; 77th Div Club House (28 E. 39th St.). Info from Estie Brenwasser, 110 W. 94th St., New York, N. Y.

3rd Port Transportation Corps Ass'n—9th annual reunion, New Orleans, La.; May 19-22; Jung Hotel. For info contact A. C. Harshaw, 5011 Osage Ave., Philadelphia 43, Pa.

1476th Engr Maintenance Co.—6th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill.; May 20-21; Morrison Hotel. Info from Don Dornick, 405 Earl St., Joliet, Ill.

103rd Sanitary Train and 11th Ambulance Co.—36th annual reunion & memorial service, Lancaster, Pa.; May 21; American Legion Home (214 N. Duke St.). Write George T. Walz, P.O. Box 1136, Lancaster, Pa.

320th Inf, Co I (WW1)—Reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa.; May 21; Pittsburgher Hotel. Info from Jack Sugden, 705 Renshaw Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

104th Cav, Troop C—Reunion, Harrisburg, Pa.; May 21; Penn-Harris Hotel. Contact John E. Renninger, 42 West 5th St., Pottstown, Pa.

309th Inf, Co E—Reunion, Kansas City, Mo.; May 27-29; Hotel Continental. Contact Irvin Brown, 230 W. 97th St., Kansas City, Mo.

216th General Hospital Ass'n—Annual reunion, New York, N. Y.; May 27-29; Governor Clinton Hotel. Write Milton B. Senfeld, 229-37 129th Ave., Laurelton 13, N. Y.

104th Inf—1st Ohio Timberwolf reunion, Columbus, Ohio; May 28-29; Fort Hays Hotel. For info write Joe Studniarz, 19181 Raymond St., Maple Heights, Ohio.

34th AAA Brigade & Attached Units—3th annual reunion, Tonawanda, N. Y.; June 3-5; Tonawandas Post 264. Info from George L. Peuquet, 253 Niagara St., Tonawanda, N. Y.

3408th Ordnance Co (67th Ord Bn, Co D)—Reunion, Ladentown, N. Y.; June 3-5; Kruckers Restaurant. Write Vincent Burke, 172 Thompson St., New York, N. Y.

146th Ambulance Co—37th annual reunion, Columbus, Ohio; June 4; Bexley Post, The American Legion. Contact Joseph H. Palmer, Groveport, Ohio.

299th Engr (C) Bn—6th annual reunion, Rochester, N. Y.; June 4; Powers Hotel. Info from Lee Beev, 300 Stone Road, Rochester 16, N. Y.

817th Tank Destroyer Bn—10th annual reunion, Elmira, N. Y.; June 4; Hotel Langwell. Contact Ted Warner, 280 Hastings Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y.

103rd QM, Co D—Annual reunion, Hamburg, Pa.; June 4; Legion Home. Write Harold C. Casper, 685 State St., Hamburg, Pa.

329th Field Artillery Vets Ass'n (AEF)—24th annual reunion, Detroit, Mich.; June 4-5; Hotel Fort Shelby. Write Walter E. Shell, 9324 Littlefield, Detroit 28, Mich.

724th Railway Operating Bn (WW2)—4th annual reunion, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; June 4-5; Cox's Brookside Court. Info from E. A. Jacob, 15505 Park Grove, Detroit 5, Mich.

313th Ammunition Train, Co D (WW1)—Reunion, Fremont, Nebr.; June 4-5; Hotel Pathfinder. For info write Mrs. Clark Harris, Idana, Kans.

312th Field Signal Bn Vets Ass'n (WW1)—Annual reunion, Hot Springs, Ark.; June 4-7; Klein Shore Court. Write J. C. Locke, 912 South Elgin Ave., Tulsa, Okla.

39th Signal Ass'n—3rd reunion, Cleveland, Ohio; June 9-11; Hotel Carter, Contact William E. Suter, 20715 Clare Ave., Maple Heights, Ohio.

714th Railway Operating Bn—Reunion, Emporia, Kans.; June 10-12; Broadview Hotel. Write Charles G. Toelle, 425 Congress St., Emporia, Kansas.

5th Reconnaissance Troop—Reunion, Middletown, Ohio; June 11; American Legion Hall. For info write Willie T. Curtis, So. Elmhurst Ave., Cynthiana, Ky.

36th Engrs—Reunion, New York, N. Y.; June 11; Hotel Belmont Plaza. Contact Mike Myron, 487 Fairview Ave., Ridgewood 37, N. Y.

23rd Engrs (WW1)—Annual reunion, Elkhart, Ind.; June 11-12; Hotel Elkhart. Info from James P. Henriksen, 2922 North Kilbourn Ave., Chicago 41, Ill.

38th Inf Reg't Ass'n (both WWs & Korea)—Annual reunion, Philadelphia, Pa.; June 17-18; Hotel Drake. For info write A. H. Zindel, 558 W. 193rd St., New York 40, N. Y.

161st Station Hospital—Reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa.; June 18; Hotel Wm. Penn. Write Helen J. Grisin, VA Hospital, University Drive, Pittsburgh 40, Pa.

506th Engr Light Pontoon Co (WW2)—7th annual reunion, Lincoln, Nebr.; June 18-19; Hotel Lincoln. For info write John P. Hergenrader, 4836 Aylesworth Ave., Lincoln 4, Nebr.

Persian Gulf Command—Annual convention, Tempe, Ariz.; June 18-19; Tempe American Legion. Contact Willis E. Cowan, Box 482, Tempe, Ariz.

199th Ordnance Depot Co—Reunion, Cincinnati, Ohio; June 24-26; Hotel Metropole. Write James S. Ruda, 4125 Bell St., Norwood 12, Ohio.

643rd Tank Destroyer Bn—10th annual reunion, Boston, Mass.; June 25; YD Memorial Club (200 Huntington Ave.). Contact Russell J. Littlefield, 35 Alhion St., Rockland, Mass.

64th CAC, Batteries D & E (WW1)—Reunion, Toledo, Ohio; June 25-26; Secor Hotel. For

info write Thomas E. Watson, 1564 Colton St., Toledo 9, Ohio.

4287th QM Salvage Repair Depot (28th QM Salvage Depot)—1st reunion, Chicago, Ill.; July 1-4; Midland Hotel. Write Joseph J. Bernardi, 4548 Maypole Ave., Chicago 24, Ill.

337th Inf, Hq Co (WW2)—1st annual reunion, Akron, Ohio; July 2-4; Mayflower Hotel. Contact R. O. Johnson, 2015 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia 45, Pa.

107th Field Artillery Bn, Hq Battery—3rd annual reunion, Danville, Pa.; July 2-4; American Legion Post 40. Info from Ralph N. Lowery, 25 West 7th Ave., Williamsport, Pa.

15th Major Port TC (WW2)—3rd bi-annual reunion, Cleveland, Ohio; July 8-10; Hotel Statler. For info write Roland Schaefer, 1805 Sybil Court, Lemay 23, Mo.

567th AAA Bn—6th annual reunion, Old Point Comfort, Va.; July 14-16; Hotel Chamberlin. Details from Ralph E. Wade, 541 Dillard Rd., S.W., Roanoke 14, Va.

31st Ordnance HM Co, FA (WW2)—Reunion, Roanoke, Va.; July 16; Hotel Roanoke. For info write William R. Phillips, 526 Shannon Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Ga.

108th Inf, Co C—4th annual reunion, Louisville, Ky.; July 16; Brown Hotel. Write Howard Terhune, 222 E. Lewis St., New Albany, Ind.

1127th and 1400th MP Companies—Reunion, Lexington, Ky.; July 16-17; Phoenix Hotel. Contact Frank Farina, 1001 Sherrill Ave., Yeaton, Pa.

16th Signal Operating Bn—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo.; July 29-31; Jefferson Hotel. Info from Norman D. Strohecker, Route 3, Oregon, Ill.

128th Inf, Co A Ass'n (WW1)—25th annual reunion, Reedsburg, Wis.; July 30-31; Eagles Hall. Write Cyril R. Cooper, 827 E. Main, Reedsburg, Wis.

190th Field Artillery Group (WW2)—Reunion, Sunbury, Pa.; July 30-31. American Legion Post 201. Contact Mel Soher, P.O. Box 361, Sunbury, Pa.

109th Inf, Co K (WW2)—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo.; Aug. 25-27; VFW Post 1117. Write Ed Greenwald, 296 Main St., Huntington, N. Y.

730th Railway Operating Bn, (Companies A, B, C, & Hq)—Convention, Toledo, Ohio; Aug. 26-28; Hillcrest Hotel. Contact John Shunk, 525 Walsh St., Toledo 9, Ohio.

9th Armored Div, Hq & Hq Co and Div Trains—Reunion, New York, N. Y.; Aug. 27-28; Hotel Edison. Info from B. Krentz, 1054 Third Ave., New York 21, N. Y.

108th Machine Gun Bn (AEF)—35th annual reunion, Reading, Pa.; Aug. 27-28; Gregg Post 12, American Legion. Contact Philip K. Howard, Box 1139, Reading, Pa.

Navy

4th Marine Div—Reunion, New York, N. Y.; June 24-25; Hotel Roosevelt. Info from Capt E. F. Blanchard, 8435 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

LST 743—1st annual reunion, Chicago, Ill.; May 7-8; Hotel Morrison. For info write L. D. Parker, 5919 W. Henderson St., Chicago 34, Ill.

91st Seabees—Reunion, Painesville, Ohio; May 27-29; Parmley Hotel. Write N. P. Sercombe, 516 N. Milwaukee St., Jackson, Mich.

30th NCB—9th annual reunion, New York, N. Y.; May 28; Hotel Statler. Contact D. J. "Blackie" Salemi, 142-46 Sanford Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y.

78th NCB Ass'n—Reunion, New York, N. Y.; May 28; Hotel Statler. Contact Edwin R. Bush, 60 Longview Ave., White Plains, N. Y.

18th NCB—2nd annual reunion, Madill, Okla.; May 28-30; American Legion Hall. Write James F. Hofsford, 1405 Ferris Ave., Waxahachie, Tex.

USS Yorktown—8th reunion, New York, N. Y.; June 3-5; Hotel Belmont Plaza. Info from George F. Bernard, New Equipment Digest, 60 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

CBMU 510—Reunion, Bakersfield, Calif.; June 5; Hart Memorial Park. Write Lee R. Gullion, 1112 El Rancho Dr., Bakersfield, Calif.

NOB, Navy 157, Palermo, Sicily—4th annual reunion, Cleveland, Ohio; June 25-26; Hotel Carter. Info from A. L. Coddington, 679 Carlyle Place, Union, N. J.

Group CVLG (n) 41—Reunion, Lancaster, Ohio; July 1-4; Hotel Lancaster. Info from Mose M. Williams, 4796 Hayden Falls Blvd., Columbus 21, Ohio.

Air

Stalag Luft 3—10th annual reunion; Dayton, Ohio; May 7; Van Cleve Hotel. Contact Dave Pollak, c/o Pollak Steel Corp., Marion, Ohio.

302nd Depot Repair Sqdo—Annual reunion, Cleveland, Ohio; June 11-12; Hotel Carter. Info from R. F. Stierman, 2955 Balke St., Duquhue, Iowa.

Pyote Army Air Base, Static Officer Personnel (Instructor, Base, Medical)—Reunion, Chicago, Ill.; June 17-19; Palmer House. Contact Dr. William S. McMurray, 414-416 Commerce Bldg., Okmulgee, Okla.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit.....	\$ 671,384.33
Receivables	245,095.15
Inventories	887,374.78
Invested Funds	1,458,615.57
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 259,561.76
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund	1,787,881.94
Real Estate	973,972.65
Furniture and Fixtures,	
less Depreciation	242,340.61
Deferred Charges	79,354.17
	<u>\$6,105,580.96</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 316,436.68
Funds restricted as to use.....	32,252.43
Deferred Income	1,471,375.98
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 259,561.76
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund	1,787,881.94
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund	\$ 23,852.30
Restricted Fund	18,507.77
Reserve for construction	
Wash. Bldg.....	28,752.18
Real Estate.....	973,972.65
Reserve for Rehabilitation	422,240.47
Reserve for Child Welfare	36,656.79
	<u>\$1,503,982.16</u>
Unrestricted Capital:	
Excess of Income	
over Expense	734,090.01
	<u>\$6,105,580.96</u>

THE SHAME OF THE JAP NAVY

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one by one to the rear of the submarine where they were stabbed, hit with sledge hammers, axed, shot and kicked into the sea. An American woman Red Cross worker was murdered in this fashion. Only eight persons survived this massacre. (1-8)

The United States vigorously protested the treatment of survivors in the sinking of the SS *Jean Nicolet* on July 2, 1944, declaring that "seventy-five survivors of the sinking were murdered when they were led separately to the after-deck of the submarine and compelled to run between parallel rows of



"Better let me do your apartment, ma'am — I just did the ones above you and below you."

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Japanese sailors armed with a variety of instruments including gun butts and bayonets. While running this gauntlet, the men were subjected to severe beating and, still bound, were forced off the submarine into the water while the vessel was under way with the evident likelihood that they would be caught in the turning propeller." At the height of this massacre, the submarine heard planes approaching and submerged leaving 30 men bound on the deck. Fifteen of these managed to untie their bonds and save themselves. (1-8)

The United States also filed a formal protest against the machine-gunning of the lifeboats of the SS *Richard Hovey* on March 20, 1944. (1-26)

The Japanese submarine identified as having committed the atrocity is listed in parentheses after each protest. This identification was made at the War Crimes Trials by the Intelligence Officer of the 8th Submarine Squadron.

During the war, the Japanese Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a stand-



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From where I sit by Joe Marsh

Finally Talked Herself Out

A certain talkative young lady almost spent an uncomfortable night locked in "Doc" White's drugstore.

She entered Doc's store about 11 PM, going directly to the pay phone. At eleven-thirty Doc went home—not having seen a customer for a half hour. Around midnight he got a call from the store . . . she had finally run out of conversation (and money) and found the front door locked tight.

Doc vowed he'd leave that "gabby kid" there to teach her a lesson. But Mrs. W. spoke up: "Now you go turn her loose. It's hard to cut a good conversation short—something only a woman understands!"

From where I sit, however, plenty of men are every bit as hard to pry away from a telephone as any female. Some people are just naturally long-winded, while others are the silent type—just as some of us like coffee and others prefer a glass of beer. The important thing is to be considerate . . . before friends start giving us the "busy signal."

Joe Marsh

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ard form of reply for all these protests, to wit:

"The result of strict investigation carried out by the authorities concerned shows clearly that there are no facts that correspond to such an attack. The Japanese Imperial Government avails itself of this opportunity to affirm again that all Japanese warships, ships and boats rigorously observe the laws of war."

Unfortunately for the cause of justice, every single one of the 14 submarines making up the 8th Submarine Squadron had been sunk by the end of the war (see chart). The United States was particularly anxious to get its hands on the I-8, which committed the *Tjisalak* and *Nicolet* massacres; but, as shown, this submarine was sunk by destroyers of the U.S. Navy on March 30, 1945, southeast of Okinawa. However, several of the crew, including the captain, had been transferred before the sub was sunk and survived the war. The captain escaped trial by committing suicide two weeks after the surrender, evidently knowing that he would have to pay for his crimes. But 16 of the 44 men brought to trial were members of the crew of the I-8 in 1944.

Prior to the War Crimes Trial of these 44 members of the Japanese Navy, and before the arrest of some of them, strenuous efforts were made to cover up the trial of the 8th Submarine Squadron. The testimony of one Japanese naval officer, himself convicted, gives an indication of how even the "top brass" scurried for cover. His sworn statement follows:

"After the end of the war, the 'Policy of annihilating crews of

ships sunk by submarines' naturally became an issue. Concerning this, the Naval General Staff and the Naval Ministry carried on the attitude of complete concealment which they had adopted during the war. For the purpose of deciding upon a plan to carry this out a conference was held in late Sept. 1945, at the Naval Ministry under the auspices of Vice Admiral Mito. At this conference, Rear Admiral Katsuta, the former senior member of the Submarine Department of the Navy Ministry said: 'However you try to conceal the facts, it is useless, as prisoners of war taken back by submarine from ships sunk are still living.' He opposed concealment from various standpoints but his views were finally rejected and the falsification of the operational patrols of submarines in the Indian Ocean and the burning of documentary reports from each submarine and from the 8th Submarine Squadron were carried out by Commander Fujimori, who was the Submarine Staff Officer of the 1st Division, 1st Section, Naval General Staff."

This officer further testified that the week before his arrest, he was told by Fujimori what his answers should be to any (American) investigating officers.

"I was told at that time: 'It is desired that you take an inflexible attitude for the honor of the Navy (sic). If the worst comes to the worst, it is desired that you maintain absolutely that these actions were carried out at the discretion of the commanding officer of each submarine, that you never cause

any higher commanding officer to become incriminated.'"

At the trials, Vice Admiral Mito, who issued the order to destroy the crews of merchant ships, was the most shocking witness of all. He disclaimed all knowledge of the order which went out with his signature, and attempted what must stand as the most colossal "buck-passing" job in all naval history when he suggested that a yeoman might have inserted that part of the order without his knowledge. He cried out, "This is important to me," and asked that the yeoman be found.

But Vice Admiral Ichioka, a relative of the Emperor, who commanded the 8th Submarine Squadron (as a Rear Admiral) was having none of this. He said: "I wish to reveal the truth and take the consequences."

Admiral Ichioka then described how in August 1943, prior to taking up his duties as commanding officer of the 8th Japanese Submarine Squadron, he had called upon the Chief of the Naval General Staff, Admiral Nagano (later Fleet Admiral). Nagano told him to see the Chief of the Operations Department, Rear Admiral Nakazawa.

Rear Admiral Nakazawa then told Rear Admiral Ichioka:

- "1) We need not strictly observe Longitude 70° E agreed to with the Germans. We can conduct operations even beyond this area.
- "2) Survivors must be completely annihilated. The Naval General Staff will take the responsibility.
- "3) As regards the acquisition of information, this should be done not only from the upper ranks but also from men of lower ranks."

With this testimony the honor of the Japanese Navy was left in shreds. It was thus proved that the atrocities committed by the 8th Japanese Submarine Squadron were not a local matter, nor a serious mistake in judgment by an over-zealous high-ranking officer, but rather the result of top-level planning, decision and policy.

Vice Admiral Komatsu, commander in chief of the Sixth Fleet, had a lapse of memory on the witness stand. He could recall having reprimanded an officer for allowing one of his subordinates to have relations with a woman employed at the Panang Naval Base Officers Club; but he could not remember reprimanding the commanding officer of a submarine for showing leniency to survivors, which others testified he did.

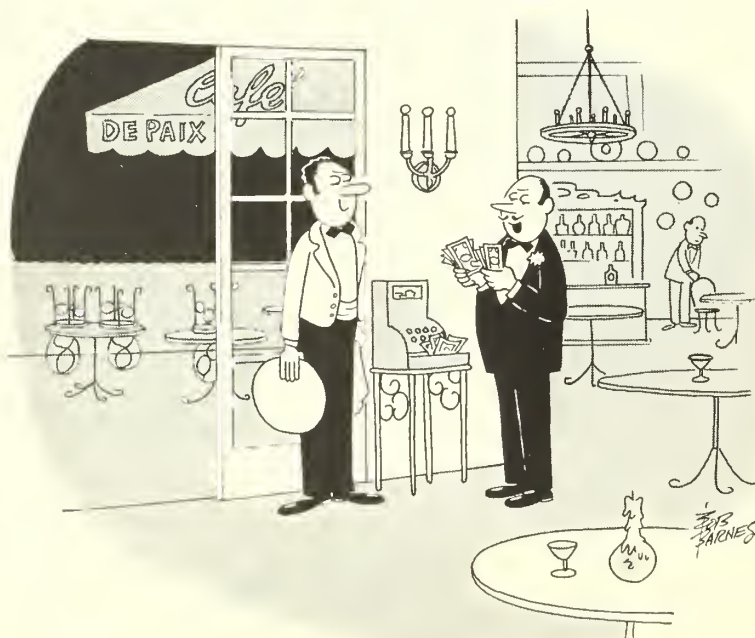
The court passed the following sentences on these Admirals:

Vice Admiral Ichioka —

20 years at hard labor

Vice Admiral Komatsu —

15 years at hard labor



"Well, we were insulted by a lot of those brash, noisy Americans again today."

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Vice Admiral Mito —
8 years at hard labor
Rear Admiral Nakazawa —
10 years at hard labor
Rear Admiral Izhizaki —
(Ichioka's predecessor as Commander
of the 8th Submarine Squadron)
10 years at hard labor

Commander Fujimori, who coached
witnesses and destroyed records, re-
ceived a jail sentence of four years at
hard labor.

Commander Iura, Chief of Staff of
the 8th Submarine Squadron, was sen-
tenced to six years in jail at hard labor
for full knowledge that the order to
destroy crews was being carried out.

The surviving officers and men of the
submarines that perpetrated the atroci-
ties showed considerable evidence of
having been coached in their testimony.
Officers could not remember the names
of officers on the same submarine with
them on operational patrols in the In-
dian Ocean. They pleaded complete ig-
norance of atrocities. They denied even
knowing that prisoners were aboard
their own submarines when actually
these prisoners spent as many as 45 days
on their subs and so testified. They de-
nied sinking ships which other crew
members admitted sinking. They
claimed their subs were in port when it
was proved that they were 3,000 miles
from their home base. They accused
their German allies of committing
atrocities although Japanese subs were
positively identified as guilty. And
junior officers called their admirals
"liars" as they battled to save their skins.

Here is the testimony of one member
of the I-8's crew who could not stomach
the lies of his shipmates:

"It is useless for anyone aboard
the submarine I-8 to say that they
did not know what took place on
the submarine as everyone knew
the details even though he may not
have seen it. It was discussed and
talked about until (Comdr.) Arii-
zumi (Captain of the I-8) and
(Lieut.) Honda (Senior Officer)
issued positive instructions for them
not to talk about the matter and
especially not to talk about it when
they went ashore. Everyone could
see the clothing and possessions
taken from the prisoners. After the
sinkings foreign currency and other
things would be lying around the
submarine which anyone could
pick up, examine and keep for sou-
venirs. In fact, after the *Nicolet*
sinking, so much stuff was taken
by members of the crew that Hon-
da made a systematic search, even
to the sea bags, and required every-
one to give up what they had. It
was called, 'War Booty.' It was
taken to Headquarters in baskets
and was later sold in some sort of

post exchange. The officers of
higher rank were permitted to
make their selection first."

Only four of the 16 crew members
of the I-8 brought to trial were con-
victed. The chief gunnery officer on
the first patrol (*SS Tjisalak*) received a
sentence of seven years at hard labor.
The same sentence was given to the di-
visional officer who was on both patrols.
The chief gunnery officer on the sec-
ond patrol (*SS Jean Nicolet*) received
five years. A petty officer was jailed
for two years.

This Military Commission, established
by General MacArthur, followed the
sound and the just policy of holding
the men at the top, who gave the orders,
responsible, rather than their subordi-
nates who carried them out. Neverthe-
less, these "tap on the wrist" sentences
seem shockingly mild; doubly so when
we read the sworn testimony of Naka-
hara, civilian interpreter on the I-8, de-
scribing the murder of the American
woman Red Cross worker, a passenger
on the Dutch freighter. Here is the de-
tailed evidence which he gave:

"After the *Tjisalak* was torpe-
doed, the captain of the ship, the
radio man, the engineer officer,
about four other men and the
woman passenger were taken be-
low in the submarine. Commander
Ariizumi ordered me to act as in-
terpreter in questioning these pris-
oners. The interrogations were
held in the officers' messroom. He
first questioned the woman. She
was then taken to the forward
crew's quarters. About an hour
later, I went to that room. I asked
the woman if there was anything
that she wanted. The only thing
she said she wanted was a cup of
water so I brought it to her. She
told me that she was in Japan for
some time before the war started,
that she was an American Red
Cross worker, and that she was on
her way to Bombay, I think. While
I was talking to her, the Senior
Officer and four sailors came in.
They had two rifles. The Senior
Officer said to me in Japanese that
she would have to be shot. I did
not tell her but I think she knew
what was going to happen. Just be-
fore she was taken, I couldn't look
her in the face. The Senior Officer
told me to ask her if she wanted to
be blindfolded and her hands tied.
She said she didn't and he said that
was okay. Just before she left she
said, 'Sayonara.' The 'Sayonara'
was addressed to all of the crew."

No, Nakahara, you are mistaken. The
American woman's "good-bye" was not
to the Japanese crew. It was a "good-
bye" to the honor of the Imperial
Japanese Navy.

THE END

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So the best minds of America turned to production. In all of our farms and factories they went to work to produce. In their new freedom and safety they could dare to risk their profits in new plans for production. The best economic planners could become rich. In less than two centuries they could also bring forth the most incredible abundance ever known by man.

In that freedom a poor mechanic who paid the highest wages could become the richest of them all. He was not compelled to clear his production plans with any political boss—or to cut him in on the profits. So he could dare to risk his savings to give us automobiles while the dupes of political grandees around the world continue today to ride on the backs of asses.

That is the special variety of freedom which has given to Americans the richest land in time.

It is the scarcest freedom in history. It is the scarcest freedom on earth now.

It is the antithesis of communism. The communists have none of it. It is also the antithesis of fascism, of royalty, of the pretensions of the predatory political boss at all times everywhere.

It is also the antithesis of any and every scheme of our own "liberals" and "social planners" which demands more power for their bosses to invade our gardens. All of their plans and programs, of every shade of thinking from Moscow scarlet to the faintest campus lilac, must call for the producer to surrender more of his profits to the political boss—and to give the boss more authority to invade our gardens.

The essence of communism is that the authority of the political boss in the garden shall be absolute. It gives the boss complete authority over production and every penny of earnings.

Our own pinks do not go so far—yet. They would not give the boss the whole 100 cents—yet. The shade of their pinkness might be measured by how much they think the boss ought to get. If they argue that the social planners should be trusted—in some

form of "limited capitalism"—to take 50 per cent of the crops, then they may think they can call themselves "middle-of-the-roads."

The most fuzzy-minded of them think they can have freedom and communism both. They think they can give the boss authority to raid the gardens—and then trust the noble fellow not to take too much.

That is in fact the essence of communism. That is what our own "liberals" have been measuring out to Ameri-



"Just gave the lighting company a piece of my mind!"

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cans in the graduated doses which they think the American gardeners can take without gagging.

The essence of the American Constitution is that it gives to the producer an unheard-of freedom from the most predatory, greedy, tricky, mendacious and murderous thief in history—the political boss himself.

The essence of the communist faith is that men must trust the political boss. That has been the essence of government in all of the hungriest lands in history.

That is the red-and-pink-and-liberal-and-progressive faith that has been advancing around the world, while production dried up as the best producers were taxed to death and the worst became slaves.

That is the essence of the faith which has been sweeping our colleges in the great red-and-pink rash disguised as a new, modern and scientific idea. Eminent professors have written thick books advancing that idea as if it were something new. It is supposed to be modern to teach that the producer must be a greedy fellow because he seeks profits,

that the profit motive itself is simple greed and therefore very nasty, that the sophomore must trust Nero because only he could be above greed, or that Nero has reformed because he now calls himself a social engineer.

The idea is prehistoric.

For many professors, it would be "reactionary" to teach that the producer always must give us something we want in order to get his profit and that we are free to reject his offer. It would be "reactionary" to teach that the political boss never can give us anything more than a share in his loot and that we are never free to reject his extortions. It would be "reactionary" to teach that the greed of the producers never could exceed the greed of Nero through all those centuries of his tyrannies and massacres.

If a professor taught those things, he would be teaching the American wisdom of our Fathers who gave us our Constitution. He would in fact be teaching the most revolutionary new philosophy in history. It would be "reactionary" to him only because the American revolution has not yet reached his corner of the campus.

When the coterie of New York professors issued their "call to the teachers of the nation" to "seize power and make the most of it" in teaching "a new social order," they were in fact calling on the American revolution to submit to the yoke of the political boss.

Any student who has the patience to untangle the mountains of words in the shelves on education can easily discover that our most eminent educators never have ceased to teach that essential philosophy of their Great Tradition.

The Fathers of American civilization did not trust education to the political boss. They trusted us.

They debated the matter extensively. It was easy for them to see that education in other lands had been absolutely dominated and rigidly controlled by the political boss. It was also easy to see that the purpose of the boss in education, from Caesar to the Bourbons, had been to enslave minds, never to set them free. So America's Fathers avoided giving any authority over education to any person who might win authority in the federal government. So their Constitution remains silent on education, which meant that such authority was left to the people.

What that has meant in practice, until very recently, has been that the education of American children has been controlled largely by parents on the local level.

One result has been many bad schools. About these the professional

educators never cease to beat tom-toms. Their huge lobby in Washington, now driving for a share in the federal billions for their "liberal" professors to spend, has been pumping this uproar into new crescendos. They always avoid mentioning the chief result of the American system.

The chief result is that the free citizens of the United States, taxing themselves on the local level, led the world in bringing forth the greatest quantity of education ever known, the same as they brought forth the greatest quantity of steel.

They trusted the quality of the education in an unprecedented measure to the professors themselves.

The new American system entrusted the professors with such academic freedom as never had been known even in the days of the great Greeks.

The new system, however, also gave the professors a new boss.

Since the days of the Greeks, the professors had been taking their orders from the political boss, royal or ecclesiastical. In America this boss had been reduced in status, with no status at all in education until the voters gave it to him. In this new American order the only bossing of education has been done by the citizens of the United States.

These citizens always have been concerned about what is put into the minds of their children and they could make known their opinions on the local school board. That has been one of the essential privileges of American freedom which we have been losing. Our professional educators oppose such controls. They want to do the controlling themselves. That is the essential purpose of their great revolt. Parents can discover from their own children what is being stuffed into their minds; and where controls of teachers and textbooks remain on the local level, they can do something about it. If they discover that their children's minds are being stuffed with red garbage, they can demand and get a change in teachers and textbooks. In the "new social order" now being imposed, such local controls have been frequently removed to centralized State boards, to which the political boss may be expected to appoint professional educators. The ultimate purpose of the pink professionals, noisily proclaimed by their huge lobby in Washington, is to win "Federal Aid to Education." Then the professionals could expect teachers and textbooks to be controlled by a national bureaucracy on the Old World model, with themselves in charge and parents forever silenced.

They could not remake America in the minds of its adults.

They proposed to remake America in the minds of its children.

They proposed to remake it in the only pattern which America's leading educators ever have taught, the only pattern they could learn in their Great Tradition—the pattern of dominance by the political boss.

That is the revolution which has been going on now for more than 20 years.

The great revolt of America's professors, like any other revolt, was a bid for power, a movement to seize power from other persons who had it. To teach their "new order," the professional educators had to seize power over teachers and textbooks from the citizens, above all from local school boards. They despise the constitutional concept that American parents should be trusted with power over the education of their own children. According to them, education is such a scientific business that it should be trusted only to experts—themselves.

This revolt of the professors could succeed only in the trusting inertia of parents and loyal teachers. Even after two decades, most parents probably have no clear idea of what has happened. They are still disposed to trust the professors to be wise men.

What these wise men were up to has been copiously described in the floods of propaganda which they have issued. Few citizens have the time or disposition to go into such thickets of words, but the record was admirably summarized by the late Rep. Paul W. Shafer in Congress. In 27 pages of the *Congressional Record* in "Is There a 'Subversive' Movement in Our Schools?" the Congressman showed just how red this great brainwash flood has been with the most conclusive evidence—the speeches and books of the leading educators themselves. This great speech has been reprinted in the book, *Turning of the Tides*, (Long House, P.O. Box 1103, Grand Central Annex, New York City 17, \$2). This may still be the best source work on the revolt of the professors.

They did not call their "new social order" communism. They never do. They searched the thesaurus for words that would make their program sound good to American ears. No amount of skill at semantics, however, could hide for long the general nature of the new order, or its kinship to the dreams of Plato. The essential in the program was to give more authority to the political boss.

On the national level, organized education makes no secret of its purpose. The professional educators want to get their fingers into the federal billions. Their huge lobby in Washington demands federal aid to education with astounding propaganda about how American parents and taxpayers have been failing in their duties to the little

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children. They want to scrap the American system of local controls which has given to American children the greatest quantity of education ever known. They recognize that federal aid to schools would mean federal control—on the Old World model. So in their propaganda barrages their loudest shouts are that such federal aid would not mean federal control—they seek to assure us that the federal government would exercise no control over the spending of its money. With those federal billions coming down to the local schools, our professional educators then could expect to destroy all control by parents of what is put into their children's minds.

For 2,500 years, our professors have been waiting for the political boss to be wise and honest.

Their "liberal" followers now are asking us to trust the fellow to take over production.

They do not ask us to give him more power to chase thieves. They are not asking us to give him more power to control the frauds of business. He has had that power all along. What they are asking is that Nero should take over the business.

Our Constitution gives us — *us* — the power to drive out of office the politico who fails at his first job of chasing thieves, including rich thieves; and when we are not too busy, we sometimes do it.

That is not the red program. It is not the pink program. It is not the program which college students are learning from our leftist professors.

What the leftists want is power. They want the power to drag the greatest producer in history out of office and make him work for them. To get that power, they promise to let voters share in the loot.

Because some of these producers have been greedy or irresponsible fools, they ask us to trust the whole system of production and its fruits to the greedy and irresponsible politico who never produced anything.

Because the political boss in America often has failed at his first job of chasing thieves, they ask us to trust Nero to operate our gardens, enslaving us.

That is the red program. It is also the program of every dupe and softy of whatever complexion who on whatever pretext asks us to give Nero more power to invade our gardens.

It is their hope that their own Nero will be a nice fellow.

There have been many bosses who appeared honest and noble. There were a few such great men who gave us our Constitution to restrict their own power. Under the restrictions of that Constitution, America has known many thousands of honest and devoted public servants. Those qualities did not give them the wisdom to drill for oil in the right place or turn iron mountains into razor blades.

It was the wisdom of our Fathers that if we want razor blades we must trust the producers and allow them a profit for producing them.

From Hammurabi to Krushchev, there never has been one political boss who was wise enough to figure out how to compel the best producers to risk their brains and tools and sweat to produce razor blades or bananas the political boss could take away from them.

Our Fathers found the answer when they told the political boss to stay out of our gardens.

In the world conflict now raging between Left and Right, the essential stake is that freedom of the producer from the political boss.

In this world argument many of our

own "liberals" and "progressives" are passionately sincere and honest in their alignment with the Left. They are honestly indignant when they are linked with communists. They can share with any great American his indignation at the Kremlin barbarisms. They can feel quite certain that they have not been proselyted by communists.

They would reject with indignation any program offered to them as communism. Yet they actively support and have given to America a large part of the communist program under American names.

Their convictions in truth do not stem from Karl Marx. It is much easier to develop such convictions from other sources. The chief source is the centuries-old faith in the political boss which they have learned in the Great Tradition of education. When they call for legislation to solve all their problems they reveal their centuries-old psychosis of dependence upon the king, now masquerading as a social planner. They know that America is the richest land in time but they have not yet figured out why. They did not learn the real significance of our Constitution in our schools.

It should be relatively easy to diagnose the quality of such "liberalism."

Whenever such a "liberal" demands that the political boss perform his first job of protecting us against thieves—especially rich thieves—then we can believe that his liberalism deserves respect.

When he demands that a rich thief be put in jail or some law be enacted to prevent some ingenious new larceny, then we can believe that he is one of those authentic progressives who have made American freedom live.

Whenever he argues that our Constitution should be changed or bypassed to give the boss more power to send his toughs into our garden, then we can know that we are listening to the man who has been destroying the foundations of our freedom.

He is not liberal.

He is not progressive.

He is the most reactionary of bigots.

He is trying to destroy the essence of that special American freedom which has given us the richest land in time.

He is asking us to believe that the political boss who failed at his first job of preventing frauds by business can be trusted to run the business.

He is asking that the American producer who has given us the richest abundance that men have known should surrender the business of production to the political boss who never could produce anything.

He is the stooge of the reds who for more than 20 years has been leading Americans back to the police state.

THE END



"I'm glad it's over—there was no living with him while he was trying to give up smoking!"

SO THAT BOYS CAN PLAY...

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of candy, gum, life savers and other goodies. It was Ted Williams, who started up the ladder from a San Diego, Calif., Post team of The American Legion.

I kidded with Ted. I asked him if he was going to open a store for himself. "No," he told me, "I'm going over to that Children's Cancer hospital and hand out the stuff to some of the kids in there." That's another big leaguer. It's something nice which Williams and many other boys may have learned from American Legion baseball.

I hope Legion baseball continues to grow and that the Legion can hold these contests in every city and town in the country. And there are signs that American Legion baseball is going to grow bigger than ever.

One day last winter I bumped into Jack Burns right after he had been named as a coach for the Boston Red Sox. Jack has a son who made quite a reputation on one of the suburban Little League teams around Boston. I asked Jack if his boy, Bobby, was going to play next season.

Burns told me something which I thought was most interesting and encouraging. "Bobby is too old for Little League baseball," his dad told me, "he's going to try out for a Legion team."

That was good news. Little League baseball is beginning to help make Legion baseball bigger and better than ever. The L.L.'s, are becoming farm teams for American Legion Junior Baseball teams. They will help develop youngsters for the older teams in Legion competition.

Way back there I told you that I've never run a Legion player out of a ball game. I'm not trying to say it because I never missed a play. I've had my moments. I, too, have been questioned but I've never used the Fifth Amendment. I've tried to use a little psychology.

I always have given a little talk to players who have disputed one of my decisions. I tell them before they can start squawking that I know all the stories and all the words. That there isn't a word I've never heard before and that if they come up with a new one, I'd drop dead.

Jim Hegan, who caught for the Cleveland Indians in the 1954 World Series, was the catcher on the national championship East Lynn, Mass., Post team in 1937. I never saw a better young catcher in Legion baseball nor a better-behaved youngster. I worked a lot of games back of Jim and he never protested once.

He was such a nice kid that I had a talk with him after a game that year. It was played in Boston's Braves Field. I told Jim to keep on hustling and that some day he'd be playing here in a big league uniform.

"Do you think so?" Hegan asked me. I sure did, I told him. Eleven years later, I saw him after he caught Bob Feller in the 1948 World Series opener against the Boston Braves.

"I never forgot how you encouraged me," Hegan recalled, "it helped a lot. I didn't think I could make it but it was help from people in The American Legion and people like yourself that kept me trying."

I can understand why men like Medford's Harry Smith devote so much time to American Legion Baseball. It pays off. Hegan has a young son who is just out of the Little League class. I feel sure that Jim will have his boy try out for an American Legion Junior Baseball team in Cleveland.

Legion baseball offers great rewards to the players. But above all, boys are taught how to think swiftly and wisely. How to conduct themselves on and off the field. There's no better tutoring system in the country.

THE END

FLAHERTY'S WONDERFUL CAVE

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surprise or astonishment. It was half an hour before the trio returned.

"Professor Phipps," asked Gallagher, "what can I quote you as saying about the cave? How old do you think it is?"

Joe, Ruth and her father instinctively huddled together while Professor Phipps groped for words.

"Those big stalagmites," he explained, "are formed one drop of water at a time. I would say those formations are at least 60 million years old."

Joe sighed. Josh Burton wiped his forehead and smiled.

"But," continued the geologist, "some of the formations are most remarkable.

Because of this cave, Flaherty's Cave, as I presume you'll call it, we will have to rewrite a lot of books. It contains minerals that I've never seen in a cold climate like ours. In fact it contains some marble strata that are associated only with the hot regions, where life is supposed to have begun."

"You mean," interrupted the reporter, "that maybe the Garden of Eden was here."

"Perhaps," agreed Professor Phipps. Newspapers with dispatches headlined "Flaherty's Corners May Have Been Garden Of Eden, Says Scientist," and Spark Bailey, publicity man, ar-

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rived together the next day. Bailey nodded approvingly at a big electric sign, FLAHERTY'S WONDERFUL CAVE, which workmen were erecting, and was shown through the attraction.

"You know," Joe confided as they came out, "we've enlarged it some. It wasn't safe or much to see at first."

"Don't worry," assured Bailey. "In comparison with some of the mermaids and wolf boys I've had to handle, you have a very honest act."

By noon, electric lights were on in the cave and visitors were paying 50 cents each to walk in and out. Inside, ropes were strung for the mutual protection of visitors and the stalactites and stalagmites. By afternoon, the photographs that had been made the day before of Joe, and of Ruth hugging the stalagmite, were on sale as picture post cards at 10 cents each. By nightfall, an "old" wishing well, reputed to bring luck to anybody who dropped a coin, was collecting revenue at the visitors' exit. Joe didn't know about this until he saw it.

"Spark told me about a cave out in Colorado where women who want husbands toss a hairpin," Josh Burton explained. "But who wants hairpins. Let 'em drop money."

The publicity man started to draft a speech for Josh, Ruth and Joe to make when showing the cave. But he had gone only as far as covering the Christian religion in the catacombs of Rome when a flood of telegrams, telephone calls and mail required his attention.

To Zaza Lamour, an aging glamour girl who had found a second career as a radio commentator, he graciously granted the privilege of making the first broadcast from Flaherty's Cave, conditional only on her sponsor's paying the line charges and Zaza's allowing Spark to check her script for "technical accuracy." As it was a rapturous paean to this "wonderful underground cathedral," he didn't change a word.

Hearing that a Missouri hole in the ground contemplated something similar, he hastily organized "the first underground press club" with Sam Gallagher, Joe Flaherty, Ruth Burton and himself as charter members and officers.

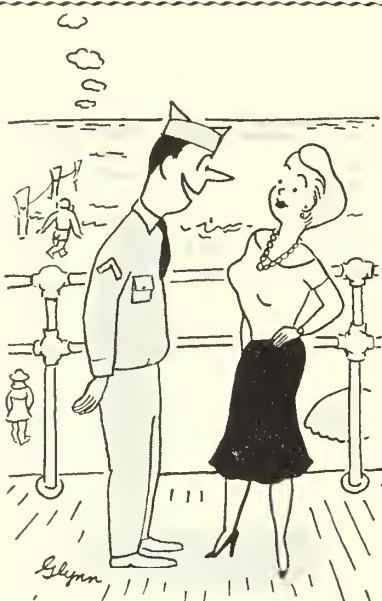
He filed proposals that Flaherty's Cave buy air conditioning equipment, wired music, management consultant services, an intercom system, a postage meter, surety bonds for its employees, advertise its attractions with sky-writing, and send a college professor material for a thesis on blind fish.

An invitation for Joe Flaherty to appear on a high-rated television program was accepted. The program required a panel of experts to learn by questioning the occupation of the guest. Joe's "cave man" occupation completely baffled the experts. He received all his ex-

penses, a \$200 prize and told several million potential visitors about the cave.

"You were wonderful!" Ruth told him when he returned. As traffic to Flaherty's Corners held up despite the thruway, Joe at times began to think that he *was* wonderful. Money rolled in at the cave and his conscience troubled him less frequently. He felt a bad twinge when a busload of school children arrived, and insisted on letting them in free. It took a lot of soothing by Ruth to lift him out of his depression.

"Come see this," shouted Josh Burton



"Since they reduced the Army there aren't too many of us soldiers around, so you might as well take advantage of this opportunity to know one."

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one day from the cave entrance. "Look up there. Bats beginning to roost here. A cave that is good enough for bats is good enough for anybody. Quit worrying, Joe!"

This encouraged Joe to hire Professor Phipps of Haverstraw College as a non-resident consultant geologist and archeologist and to print his name on the cave stationery. Road maps began to list the place as a tourist attraction. When the first rush subsided, Spark stimulated attendance with stunts. The store staged its underground fashion show. Starting with the Underground Press Club, various organizations met in the cave. There was even an underground beauty contest at which "Miss Cave Woman" was chosen.

Crowds would be still bigger, Spark remarked one day, if this cave had a championship of some kind. "It's not the biggest, deepest or oldest," he said, "it's just the only cave owned by a man named Flaherty."

Joe paid no attention, but Josh Burton took this as a challenge. While the cave was being gradually enlarged, "ex-

plored" was what Spark Bailey called it, there was no chance of its competing for size and depth with the Carlsbad and Mammoth caves. So Josh worked toward antiquity. From time to time, he would bring Spark strange relics and artifacts supposedly discovered in newly-explored passages of the cave.

As Spark had no idea what these were, he sent them to Haverstraw College and asked Professor Phipps to identify them. This happened with the Inca relic and the clay tablet with the hieroglyphics. The first was an annoyance, the latter more serious. No other Inca relic had ever been found so far north and it caused quite a stir in the press when Spark announced it.

The next day a busload of members of the National Speleological Society visited the cave and were not impressed by the relic and several other things that they saw. For the first time, Flaherty's cave refunded admission charges to dissatisfied customers.

"Young man," said an angry woman to Joe, "Your cave is a humbug!"

This upset Joe so much that he forgot completely a date with Ruth. They had their first quarrel.

"You think more of this hole than you do of me," she complained.

"If it hadn't been for you and your father," snarled Joe, "I wouldn't have to worry."

Tax collectors quickly discovered Flaherty's Cave. The Federal Government classified it as an amusement and collected entertainment taxes. As he had to employ help, he also made the acquaintance of all the Social Security and income tax withholding forms. The local tax assessor visited Joe and announced that because of the "improvements," the valuation of the Flaherty property would be increased from \$15,000 to \$100,000 and taxed accordingly.

In addition, a mysterious trio of government men from Washington visited the cave. They didn't identify themselves but came in a black automobile with an official license and, the sure mark of Civil Service employees, asked for a cabin at Joe's lowest rates. They spent hours in the cave and drove away.

Joe was brooding about this when the matter of the hieroglyphics came to a head. There were fewer visitors and this undoubtedly impelled Josh to "find" and to give Spark the little clay tablet bearing the hieroglyphics. He shipped it to Professor Phipps, who replied. "This is Egyptian-type picture writing of the earliest sort. I've never seen anything so old outside of the Museum of Natural History." Spark released some nice sharp photographs of the clay tablet alone, the tablet with a ruler, the tablet being held by a pretty tourist—along with a little story speculating that maybe some of Cleopatra's

relatives had been in America long ago.

Two state policemen roared up on a motorcycle the next Sunday morning as Joe started into the cave with the first party of visitors. They often stopped to use the telephone or for a drink of water, so he thought nothing of it and continued with the tour. As Ruth, still in a pique, had gone into the city for the weekend, Josh Burton greeted the officers and was waiting for Joe when he returned.

"I've been working too hard, Joe," said Josh. "I'm going to take a vacation in Canada. When Ruth gets back tell her that she can write me General Delivery, Montreal." He boarded a bus.

Before Joe could find an explanation for this, Spark Bailey, no longer the buoyant and sparkling promoter, came in and announced his resignation.

"You've been swell, Joe," he said, "but this climate is bad for me. I hear there's a job in Florida. Anyhow, I don't think I can do anything much for you after what happened this morning.

"What's happened?" asked Joe.

"Well," Spark explained, "it seems this ancient hieroglyphic tablet that he bought from some tramp not only looked like one at the Museum of Natural History, it was the one in the Museum of Natural History. Somebody stole it and they recognized it in our pictures. The State police came this morning and Josh gave it to them."

Spark cleaned out his desk and left on the afternoon bus.

That evening Joe listened as usual to the staccato news broadcast of Salter Twichell, his favorite commentator. Twichell had his usual quota of scandal in high places and dire forebodings but only one line caused the proprietor of Flaherty's Cave to wince with anguish.

"Evidence is mounting," boomed Twichell, "that one of our most publicized caves instead of being 6 million years old is actually only 60 days old. There may be arrests for fraud. How do you like that?"

Joe turned off the radio and went shuddering to bed. The telephone rang several times but he did not answer. He wished that he had never returned to Flaherty's Corners, he wished he had been killed in the war, he wished he had never been born.

Next morning, he was no sooner in his office than he looked out the window and noticed two simultaneous bits of activity. One was Ruth Burton getting off a bus and running toward him. The other was the trio of determined Government men who had visited the cave earlier. They parked their black car and also started toward him.

Ruth was first through the door and flung herself into his arms.

"My, darling," she sobbed. "What are they doing to you? I shouldn't have

let you do it. You only tried to help some people. I love you. I'll love you even if you go to jail."

Joe had time only to pat her shoulder before the government men walked heavily into the office.

"Sorry to trouble you so early, Mr. Flaherty," said one, "but this is important."

They flashed identification cards and Joe waved them to seats. Ruth offered to leave but he asked her to stay.

"We are from the War Plants Dispersal Commission," continued the spokesman, "and want to buy your property for an underground aircraft factory. There's nothing else like your cave in this part of the country and we have a lot of plans to protect. We appeal to your patriotism, Mr. Flaherty. We also can pay you right now the assessed valuation of your property. If you feel it is worth more, we might be able to go higher, but it would have to go to arbitration, or maybe to court. What do you say?"

"Valuation?" asked Joe dazedly, "You mean the county's \$100,000?"

"Yes," said the man.

"After what these scientists are saying?"

"Sure. We don't care whether you, the Incas or the Egyptians dug the cave. It's a good, big, dry cave, all on one level with no material-handling problem. There are enough of these fine cabins to house a lot of workers."

He pushed forward a long legal form and had Joe sign six copies. The others signed for the Government. Ruth signed as a witness. They shook hands all around and the men left.

Joe kissed Ruth.

Ruth kissed Joe. "If you had gone to jail," she said, "I'd have baked you a hacksaw in a cake."

The insistent ring of the telephone broke their embrace. It was Sam Gallagher, the newspaper man, slightly apologetic for intruding on Joe's troubles, but reminding him that news had to be printed as it happened.

"It sure does, Sam," agreed Joe. "I think I have three stories for you.

"First, I'm going to close the cave. I don't know the rights and wrongs of the scientific argument but I think we've been the victim of fakers, fossil fakers. It wouldn't be fair to continue.

"Second, we're selling the place to the Government for an underground factory. The people it will employ will mean more to Flaherty's Corners than the cave ever would.

"The third story?

"Ruth and I are going to get married.

"When? As soon as we can get the papers.

"Where? In the cave?

"It would make a story, all right, but no, most certainly not."

THE END



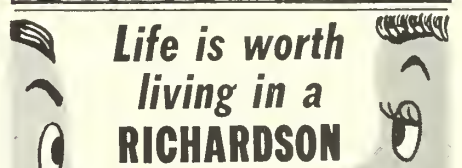
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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WORLD GOVERNMENT

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now. Federal Union is such a belief. Federal Union is a faith in an expanding democracy, and in an expanding, embracing, democratic way of life for the whole world. Federal Union proclaims for the free peoples, 'We do know where we want to go and how to get there.'

The organ outlines "A strong but flexible union" composed of the "English-speaking democracies" to be open to other nations "as they develop or restore democratic rights." It further proposes that "The union would guarantee every citizen the individual rights set forth in our Bill of Rights—the rights of free men." And it graciously suggests that "... it be abandoned for something better if something better [can] be found." Not being a "true" World Government plan—that is, not including all the nations of the world—this plan has been forced into oblivion by a larger and more aggressive group, the United World Federalists, Inc. (the main contenders in the World Government arena in this country today).

Such prominent figures as former Senator Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey shouted for World Government; making an impassioned plea on the floor of the Senate in July, 1949, he called for the ratification of the Atlantic Pact, eventual Atlantic Federal Union and ultimate World Government. Owen J. Roberts, retired Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War; Harold L. Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior; Will L. Clayton, Joseph C. Grew, William Phillips and Robert Woods Bliss, all former Under-

Secretaries of State were all officers of the aforementioned Atlantic Union Committee, Inc.

This committee sponsored Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4; House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 with the active support of 28 Senators and 84 Congressmen. The resolution stated that whereas federal union in this country had secured prosperity and abundance for Americans, the President be requested to "invite the democracies which sponsored the North Atlantic Treaty" to a convention to explore the possibilities of forming "within the framework of the United Nations, the principles of free federal union." the avowed end result of which was to establish an Atlantic Federal Union as a necessary first step toward ultimate World Government.

From all the foregoing it must be conceded that the World Government proponents were keenly aware of the need for a definite and concrete plan to win the peace, and they were predisposed to act! This is all to their credit as the majority of us were either hoping that the war would soon be over so that we could "get back to business as usual" or that it would never end since "we never had it so good."

From the outset the World Government schemers have been awed by the greatness and tremendous success of this country but have made the fatal mistake of reasoning that *the mere fact that our forefathers joined together in a federal union was the underlying reason for its unbelievable success and prosperity*; that this "joining together," in itself, brought law, order, peace, harmony

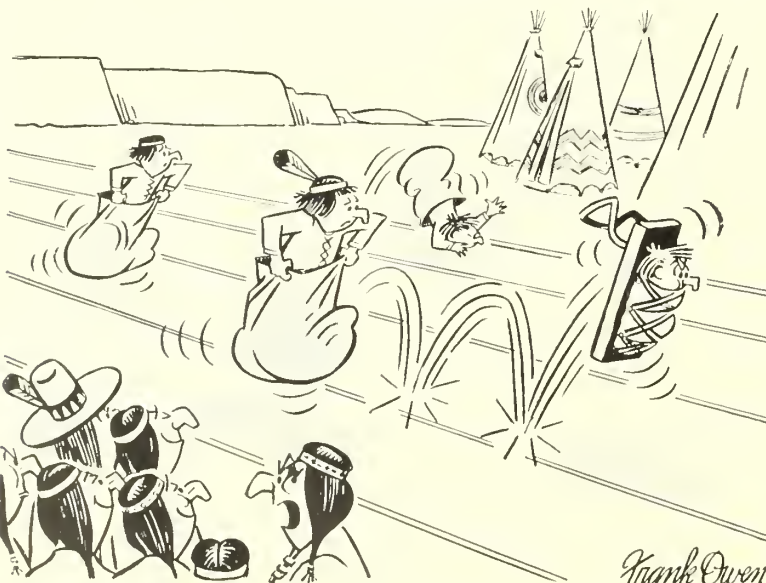
and abundance to our shores. That it failed completely to prevent one of the bloodiest fratricidal wars in history is a fact they seem to ignore. Confusing cause and effect, they have consistently failed to make the main plank in their platform the *real reason why* our form of government breeds peace, law and order; in attempting to give everyone as fine a cornfield as we enjoy they fail to grasp the inviolable rule of law that the same kind of seed corn must be planted!

Before our Founding Fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, or Bill of Rights, they were in general agreement on one great principle: that God is the Source of all law and authority and that His law is supreme in the order of things. They went on from there! Representing many divergent religious views, economic backgrounds, political convictions, customs, traditions, manners and habits, they found a common ground on which to meet—a mutually acceptable moral standard defined with reasonable clarity—and made it the heart and soul of the new government. That, and that alone, is the secret of our tremendous growth and success as a federal union!

Having found an organic unity, an indestructible cohesive element, they founded our Constitutional Republic upon solid rock; agreed on the supremacy of God and His law as well as their absolute dependence upon Him, they wrote into our Constitution the inviolable principle that certain institutions and human relations are *outside* the authority of government.

All World Government schemes are notoriously conspicuous not only for their ignorance of God as the Highest Authority but even for the need of a universally acceptable standard of morals and ethics, if the world is to be held together in one inseparable unit subject to a single government. There are many broad hints and generalizations about "embracing democratic principles," "peace, security and abundance," "universal brotherhood," etc., but no mention of the Creative Source of these ideals. Herein lies the greatest weakness of the World Government notion; herein lies the breach through which seeps the corrosive elements that dissolve the highest ideals, the best intentions and most profound achievements.

Keeping in mind that those first plans for World Government were designed primarily for the free peoples and left open to other nations "as they develop [ed] or restore [d] democratic rights," let us examine to what extent these essentially sound ideals have become cor-



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rupted because their champions have chosen to build on sand.

At the second London Parliamentary Conference on World Government, foreign World Government groups, in collaboration with the United World Federalists, Inc., drew up Plan "A" and Plan "B" for transforming the United Nations into a World Government. Plan "A" stipulates that "Membership should be open to all states of the world, and all must be urged to join." (Emphasis here and throughout reference to Plan "A" supplied.) This would include all the communist nations! The UWF would have us join with the enemy in a world-wide socialistic organization to preserve liberties which he is unalterably committed to destroy, even when he has candidly admitted that this is easiest of accomplishment by getting the free nations to join with him in just such a coalition! "Once membership has been accepted, *continued membership must be compulsory. There must be no right of secession.*" If our enemies chose to vote our freedoms down the drain we couldn't even shoot our way out as a provision on disarmament precludes the possibility! And what a notorious repudiation of our Declaration of Independence; that great document states that when any government becomes destructive of man's unalienable rights "it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government." "The lower chamber [of the proposed world legislature] should consist of representatives of member states in *numbers proportionate to population.*" The lethal aspects of this provision are obvious when we consider that the United States has a population of roughly 160 million; the combined population of the communist nations and those disposed to follow the dictates of the Kremlin number well over a billion!

Another provision of Plan "A" is that taxes "*should be levied proportionately to national income.*" No comment needed!

Plan "A," ostensibly designed to extend "democratic" ideals throughout the world, also provides that members of the upper chamber, or Senate, of the proposed world legislature be *appointed* rather than elected, as this would "tend to secure the representation of some valuable men and women *who are not willing to submit themselves to popular suffrages.*" A sobering thought when we consider that Alger Hiss, Judith Coplon, John Stewart Service, John Carter Vincent, William Remington, Harry Dexter White, et al, were able to convince essentially loyal American administration officials that they were "valuable people" worthy of sensitive posts, and that only those who were willing to submit themselves to

popular suffrages had the courage to bring the facts to light and convince administration officials that those others weren't as they had represented themselves.

That this plan, and Plan "B" (which is only slightly less radical and for which they will press if Plan "A" fails to get the necessary UN support) threatens the continued existence of our Constitutional Republic goes without saying. For, as the law now stands, a treaty supersedes our Constitution and the UN Charter is a treaty! *And, the United World Federalists plan to put over this blueprint for national suicide in July 1955—this year!*

It is perhaps an oversimplification, but it would seem that the World Government notion is an attempt to produce Godliness (or goodness, peace, harmony and abundance) without God. Having thus started off on the wrong foot each successive step has led its apostles farther afield.

But World Government supporters are not willing to start over. They continue to err by reasoning that "goodness" (or peace, law, order and abundance) must be produced by government. This flagrant error in judgment is well illustrated in the aforementioned brochure published by Federal Union, Inc.:

"Law and order have never been attained by depending on the good will of good people. It requires government to enforce law and order whether in village or nation."

On the contrary, genuine respect for equitable law and the achievement of true order can *only* be realized by depending upon the good will of good people. The very heart and soul—the underlying principle — of all order, peace, harmony and cordiality is that good will generated by good people. Granted, when those disposed to ill will outnumber their opposites or are much more aggressive in their designs, the inertia and lethargy of good-willed good people render the maintenance of peace and order much more difficult, but this in no way alters the basic principle involved.

The fallacious tenet that it requires government to "enforce" law and order is the tar pit which will fossilize all World Government champions. This is the Old World concept which prompted our Founding Fathers to establish a new government. There is peace, harmony, law and order in Russia; law and order are ENFORCED under total government. There is peace, harmony, law and order of a truer nature under our free system; but, it is a *by-product* of our constitutional government—it doesn't have to be "enforced"! Our government creates not law and order but an atmosphere where



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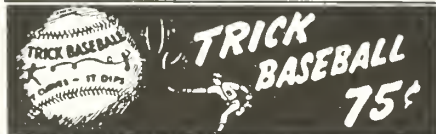
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law and order can find expression and enforces only the *penalty* for breaking the law and disturbing the order.

World Government advocates, having reasoned that it "requires government to enforce law and order," proceed on their dizzy course by reasoning that if world-wide law and order are desired we must have World Government.

Force (which is the ultimate of government) will not only defeat the peace and well-ordered lives of the people, but in the end will destroy itself; every appeal, except the appeal to God, the Source of all law and authority, will bear evil fruit.

Another inexcusable trait of World Government theorists is to frown upon history. Because no practicable solution to world peace has been expedited in the past they reason that the solution must necessarily be a new, novel one.

If nothing else, an objective study of history should certainly convince us that the World Government notion is impracticable: Alexander the Great made a heroic attempt to unify the world under one governmental head; he failed! The great Roman Empire under the Caesars, Caligula, Nero, Domitian, Aurelius and Atoninus Pius was a World Government in the strictest sense; spreading from the great wall of Hadrian in Scotland to the Sphynx and the headwaters of the Nile, from the Iberian peninsula to the Tigris and Euphrates, it embraced most of the then-civilized world. The Roman government "enforced" law and order; it failed to unite the world and create Utopia. Including numerous races, ten times as many religions and a multitude of cultures, it had no universally acceptable moral code or standard of ethics. It failed; rotted from within. There can be no vital unity without, at least in substance, a unity of religions, morals, customs and traditions as there was in Colonial America.

Those who champion World Government also fall into the great error of our day of making a fetish of "democracy." A democracy is a form of government in which the supreme authority is vested in the will of the majority. Under such a system the interests of the minority groups and the individual are subject to the dictates of the majority. The "majority" favored the rise of Hitler in Germany; the "majority" of the United States Supreme Court decreed that a Negro had no right to American citizenship (*Dred Scott v. Sanford*—1857); the "majority" on the front porch of Pilate's house shouted: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Rome and Germany have since fallen. But America, unalterably committed to the absolute supremacy of the laws of God, at great sacrifice and unprece-

ented suffering inscribed in human blood the inviolable rule of natural law that all men, regardless of color, have a right to be free. She stands today infinitely stronger for her sacrifices; man's last best hope of freedom on earth; not a "democracy," but a Constitutional Republic.

Another pitfall of the World Government advocates is the outrageous notion that security is the birthright of every individual. The only security that government is bound to guarantee its citizens is security in their freedom to provide for their own security. If a person is relieved of the duties, obligations and anxieties necessary for the maintenance of his material welfare, he is also relieved of his dignity as an individual. Remove the consequences which befall the man who refuses to provide for his own security; remove the rewards for those who diligently labor for themselves and their families and the world would soon be populated by fools.

The motive power of the World Government movement—that driving force which impels its adherents to passionate action—is not entirely the updraughts generated by the fluttering wings of the Dove of Peace. Its supporters are driven primarily by fear; fear that the present-day exalted position of the mind of man which manifests itself in our unbelievable technological accomplishments shall be utterly destroyed. They exult over our mental giants and spiritual pygmies making up what they worship as "modern civilization" and live in constant fear that their Golden Idol may be destroyed.

A particularly cogent example of this "fear psychosis" is the speech by Cord Meyer, Jr., United World Federalist Vice-President, delivered to the UWF and Federation of American Scientists at Washington, D. C., in April, 1947. Among other things he maintained that, "Whether our fate is to be peace or atomic-biological warfare is the issue." He claimed not to overstate the case in saying that "the lives of more than one-third of humanity and the survival of what we have chosen to call civilization is at stake." Ruling out our preparedness program, the balance of atomic power theory, the abolition of atomic weapons and a preventive war as dependable foundation stones of world peace, he concluded by observing: "While there is still time and room for hope, let us present to the people of this country the real choice, the destruction of civilized society or some measure of World Government. When they understand that choice, I have confidence in their decision. Men are sufficiently rational to *acquiesce* [emphasis supplied] in their own survival."

Mr. Meyer gives us a choice of ex-

periencing a blowout or accepting a slow leak; we end up riding on the rim in either case. He doesn't even allow that there might be a third choice, but there is! We can stop the car, find the root cause of the tire trouble and repair it. Of course, our trip will be delayed; we'll get our hands dirty; run the risk of being run down by a passing auto; we may even bark a shin or bruise an elbow. But we will be engaging in the only activity that will insure beyond any shadow of a doubt that we will reach our destination. Any other course, prompted by fear, would be a temporary expedient at best and would only prolong the inevitable: ultimate failure! Let us not forget that fear has given us the only military defeat of our glorious history—Korea; fear has resulted in the enslavement of millions in Viet Nam; fear has always been a har-binger of slavery!

The fact that many World Government advocates have positive subversive affiliations is a disturbing factor. Many of them, of course, are merely yard birds in that vast army of "joiners" who are more to be pitied than condemned. The law of averages, however, dictates that some are knowingly subversive and have good reason to espouse the World Government cause. A statement of Stalin best explains that "good reason."

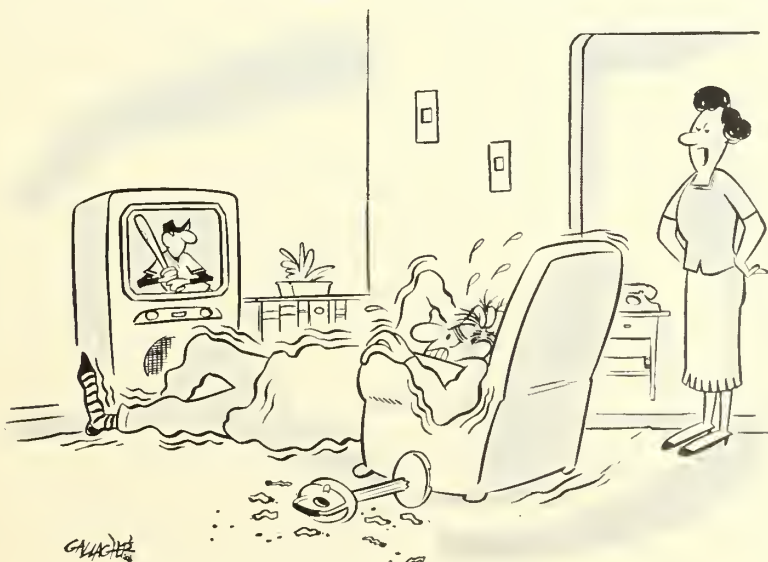
In his *Marxism and the National Colonial Question* Stalin called for the "amalgamation of all nations in a single world economic system which is so essential for the final triumph of Socialism." The communist program clearly states: "That dictatorship [of the proletariat] can be established only by a victory of Socialism in different countries, after which the proletariat republics would unite on federal lines [emphasis supplied] with those already in existence, and this system of federal

unions would expand and embrace colonies emancipated from the yoke of imperialism until, at length, they formed the World Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and united all mankind under the international domination of the proletariat organized as a state."

In conclusion, let us resolve with the World Government theorists that there is a definite need for a positive and constructive program of action if enduring peace on earth is to become a reality. But here let us part company; let's not try to produce moisture without the element of water. Permanent peace can never be realized by joining with the devil, hoping, like Faust, that we will outwit him when the showdown comes. Peace—lasting and on a world-wide scale—can be achieved only as it has been achieved here in America: not by merely "joining together" in a federal union, but by prefacing our actions by subscribing without reservation to the Kingship of God and the absolute supremacy of His law in the order of things; by "acquiescing" to nothing else. Only when the majority of the governments of the world are willing to do this will a World Government set-up be even remotely practicable.

Here, under the most perfect government in the annals of human history, we must be dedicated to but one aim: the preservation of the way of life given to us at great sacrifice by our Founding Fathers. We must courageously stand by our convictions and contend, as did our forebears, that even death is preferable to a loss of liberty. We must depend upon the good will of good people to bring about the peace which we all so passionately crave, for we have it on better authority than all the World Government agitators rolled into one that there will be "peace on earth to men of good will."

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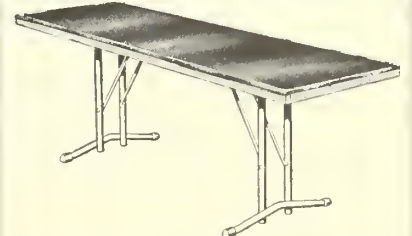
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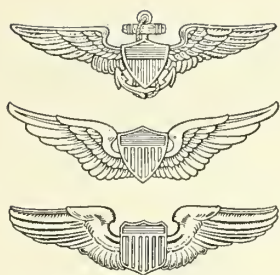
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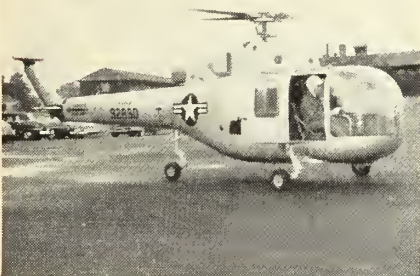
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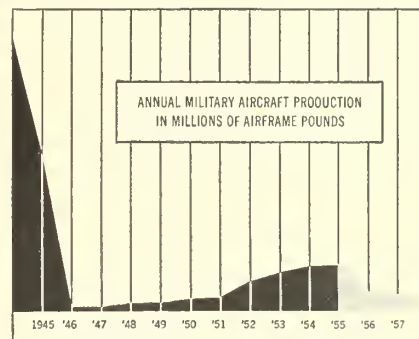
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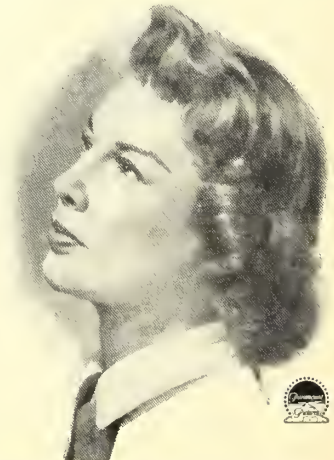
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see fish feeding there. Fishing, either with naturals or artificials, where fish are located is half the battle.

Now the retrieve. There is no set, infallible retrieve or way to handle a bait that always works. Nor even one that nearly always works. You have to be flexible. You have to try different speeds to find the right one for the particular occasion and that's no more difficult than turning the reel handle a little faster or a little slower.

Start out slowly at first and try to keep your lure working close to the bottom. Then work toward the top. Especially with bass, walleyes and warm-water fish, the slow retrieves generally are best. Trout like a little more speed. If your retrieves aren't producing, make them erratic. That means to alternate a couple of fast turns with a couple of slow ones. Or pause altogether in between.

Some of my earliest fishing was done on Southern Ohio streams with Percy Collins, a veteran fisherman some seventy years old. I was less than twenty then, full of vigor, and I could cover several miles of stream while Perce only fished a hundred yards or so. Just the same, he always wound up with more fish until I learned a few lessons from him.

In time, I noticed that my friend never fished with the sun low at his back and he never wore bright clothing that might reflect light. In that way, his shadow and the shadow of his rod in motion never fell on the water before him—a situation that also sends fish scurrying for cover. When it was possible, he would select a position in the shade of a tree and begin casting from there. And no matter whether he was using bait from a container tied to his belt or one of his old favorite artificials, he diligently tried all productive spots around him with a good mixture of retrieves. Old Perce never hurried.

It's equally important to be quiet when fishing from a boat. The difference between a limit catch and an empty stringer can be a set of creaky oarlocks, kicking the tackle box around on the bottom of the boat or knocking the ashes from a pipe on the gunwale.

What is the best time to catch fish? The standard answer is any time you have the opportunity to go. In a sense that's true, but to catch more fish, plan to go early and late in the day, and early and late in the season. There's a good reason for it. All fish prefer a certain temperature of water. Perhaps it makes them feel better or maybe it stimulates their appetites. In any case, they're most active in water the nearer it is to that particular temperature which, depending on latitude, occurs in

spring and fall. When the water warms in summer, the fish go deep to find cooler, more compatible water where they're harder to catch. Occasionally in early morning and late evening, they return to the shallows to feed.

It isn't necessary to travel far to catch more fish. Obviously there are more fertile fishing waters in some sections of the land than in others, but find pure, unpolluted water anywhere and you've found a spot to spend some pleasant moments. Some of the "obvious" spots are often neglected by most fishermen. They're worth your attention. And no matter where you live nowadays there are at least a few places nearby where fishing is excellent. These are the farm ponds (there are now an estimated 750,000 across the nation) that recently have become a vital part of almost every American farm.

Water for livestock, irrigation and fire protection were the main considerations when most farm ponds were built. But since fish were easy to obtain from a number of conservation agencies, they were stocked automatically and almost forgotten in many cases. That adds up to top-notch fishing today. And usually it costs nothing more than a courteous inquiry of the landowner.

Now for some specific tips and recommendations on our most popular fish: For sheer numbers of fish and fans who fish for them, crappies hold first place nationwide. They strike best in early spring, travel in schools, and frequent log jams, piles of brush and places like that. There's no more effective way to fish for them than with a simple cane pole and a lively two-inch or smaller minnow.

Black bass are found in every conceivable type of water in America. And they'll hit every conceivable type of bait or lure if they're not alarmed. Learn to spin cast or bait cast and then try your lures around the edges of weed beds, logs and similar places. Try drifting worms early in the season. Drift hellgrammites in the rivers. Once you've become experienced, go fishing after dark whenever you have the opportunity for bass are nocturnal feeders.

Probably the gamest and most delicious of the pan fishes are the bluegills. Called bream in the South, they'll take a wide variety of natural baits—worms, grubs, crickets, grasshoppers.

Perch are found in schools across the northern half of the country. They much prefer minnows fished deep to anything else. Sometimes perch are hard to locate, but keep trying different places until you find them. Then concentrate there and action will be fast.

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The walleyed pike is the perch's larger cousin and he feeds and travels in pretty much the same way. But he'll take spinners and plugs with a lively action—as well as minnows—when fished deep. His best striking occurs in early spring and late fall.

Carp are much criticized and cursed by many fishermen. But they're here to stay and hosts of anglers prefer their dogged battle to that of any other freshwater fish. They're not bad eating either when properly cleaned and prepared. Usually it's necessary to fish deep for carp—right on a soft, mud bottom. Try worms, kernels of corn on a tiny hook, crayfish or a prepared dough bait.

Here's a typical, effective, easy-to-make bait for carp. Knead a dough from equal parts of flour and yellow cornmeal. Add a smaller amount of grated cheese. Drop pellets the size of a dime into a pot of boiling water. When the pellets are the consistency of rubber,

remove them. You have a durable bait.

One species or another of catfish inhabits every corner of the land. They range from half-pound bullheads to the giant, hundred pound Mississippi River cats. All are fine eating and fun to catch. Generally, it's necessary to fish your bait close to the bottom. Use such naturals as worms, crayfish, and large minnows. Plenty of veteran catfishermen prefer chicken entrails or something with a "high" odor. Others use blood baits — prepared by congealing chicken or beef blood in wads of cotton. It's most deadly when drifted in the manner of live bait.

Trout are often considered the glamorous boys of fishing. Maybe they deserve it; maybe not. They're game, sure enough, but they're not hard to catch no matter what impression you've obtained. A worm drifted naturally is the most efficient way of all to catch them, although most other natural baits will do the trick. Once you've gained experience, try neutral-colored artificial

flies. You'll find them almost as successful day in and day out.

Sportsmen often ignore an obvious source of information on how to catch more fish—the conservation bureaus in their own States. Often a letter addressed to the Commissioner (or to the Chief Fisheries Biologist), State Department of Fish and Game, State Capitol, will be answered with bulletins or booklets on fish and how to catch them locally. What's more, the material is always slanted to your specific needs.

There are many good books on fishing, too. Some are too involved to be of any value except to serious anglers. But some make interesting, light reading while at the same time giving valuable fishing fundamentals and tips. You can spot the latter rather easily by browsing through the first chapter or so.

But for the best advice of all, fish slowly, leisurely—even lazily. Don't rush; it's not that kind of sport. You'll live longer and catch more fish.

THE END

THE TROUBLE WITH FEET . . .

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your foot. Where your foot bulges, it must bulge. Where your foot slims down, it must slim down.

The next time you contemplate buying a pair of shoes, try this: Before you go to a shoe store, take a few minutes off the night before. Take your shoes off and stand up on a sheet of wrapping paper in your stocking feet. Then get someone in your family to trace in the outline of your feet.

That penciled outline, particularly the portion from the middle of your foot forward, shows what the outline of your shoes should look like if they're to be comfortable. Keep it in mind when you go to the shoe store—any shoe that has a basically different shape is going to cause trouble. Keep these things in mind, too: Buy your shoes at the end of the day; your feet are biggest then. Insist that the shoe salesman measure both of your feet while you are standing on them. Your shoes should be sized to fit the larger foot. Pass up any pair of shoes that doesn't fit snugly at the heels and ankles and that isn't, at the same time, comfortably loose in the toe area. You should be able to wiggle your toes. Stand up and bend each foot as if you were walking. If the shoes don't "break" naturally at about the same spot where your feet bend, they will give you trouble. And Dr. Kauff of the American Foot Care Institute adds this advice: "For everyday wear, always buy shoes with leather uppers and soles. Leather shoes," he points out, "provide the suppleness needed to keep your feet free from cramping and at the same time provide

a strong yet flexible foundation for the arch."

If you are like most of us who served in World War II, you probably remember your GI shoes as the most comfortable footwear you ever wore. The reason is that they met all of these basic requirements of fit. They were made on lasts designed to give a loose, comfortable fit in the toe area, and yet to fit snugly at the heels and ankles.

Socks that cramp your toes can cause trouble too. You can test the fit of your socks easily, and your family can use the same test on their stockings. Put your socks on as you normally do. Then pull the tip of each sock forward about an inch beyond your toes and take about 30 or 40 stocking-footed steps. If the tips of the socks aren't still about a half-inch beyond the ends of your toes, they're too small and a larger size would be better.

Materials also can be important in your choice of socks. If your feet perspire excessively, you'll do better to wear cotton or wool, because they absorb moisture. Most of the synthetic fabrics don't, and too much moisture on your feet can lead to "athlete's foot" in hot weather and frostbite when the temperatures take a dive.

Some foot complaints can be traced directly to the kind of work you do. However, most "occupational foot troubles," for which the podiatrists have coined some colorful and appropriate names, show up not as foot pains but as leg and even hip pains.

Take the chauffeur's or bus driver's foot. This condition is the result of sit-

ting in one position for long periods with the knees bent. It generally shows up as pains in the lower legs and ankles caused by the fact that the calf muscles have become shortened.

Oddly enough, bankers, editors, and businessmen whose work keeps them cramped at their desks for long periods also suffer from chauffeur's foot. However, in these cases, the podiatrist is apt to call it banker's foot. Even your wife can be the victim of the same sort of trouble when she shifts from high heels to low-heeled loafers. Shortened calf muscles are also the main source of her leg pains.

Regardless of the name, however, this general type of foot complaint can be relieved by daily exercises designed to lengthen the shortened muscles. One consists of standing with the feet parallel and about eighteen inches away from a wall. Place the palms of your hands against the wall and then lean forward until your chest touches the wall, at the same time keeping your hips and knees stiff and your heels on the floor. Then straighten up, relax, and try it again. Even though your calves may hurt, repeat the exercise 10 or 15 times—they'll loosen up.

Modern industry has been fast to learn the value of keeping workers' feet healthy. Many manufacturing plants, department stores, and even offices now have podiatric staffs in their medical departments. It is just dollars-and-cents common sense, since it has been estimated that during last year alone our aching feet cost industry and business something in excess of \$100,000,000 in

time lost by absence from employment.

And here is something you may not know. Work-connected foot troubles are now compensable under the Workmen's Compensation Law in most of the States. If your aching feet are caused by the work you do, and your employer carries Compensation insurance, you are free to go to any podiatrist on a Compensation panel for treatment.

Oddly enough, even the part of the country you live in has some effect on the kind and number of aches and pains that may plague your feet. A recent study of the foot complaints of some 7,000 males in various sections of the country pinpointed some little-known facts about the general relationships between locality and predominant foot troubles.

Men who live in the Northeast, for example, suffer more from corns than their brothers in the South and West. The theory is that the New England combination of cold and dampness during the winter months causes corns to swell and give out with extra twinges.

In the Northwest, on the other hand, the major complaint is frostbite caused, according to the foot experts, by the hours-long wearing of overshoes or galoshes, which trap in the natural moisture of the feet and don't give it a chance to evaporate. When the thermometer dips, the moisture freezes and the result is frostbite. If you live in cold country, you may have noticed some small, unexplained black-and-blue marks on your toes. *That's frostbite*—and once you've had it, it keeps coming back winter after winter, because one touch of it generally is enough to enlarge and weaken the blood vessels and make your feet more susceptible.

If you live in the Deep South, you are more apt to be laid up with really bad cases of athlete's foot than are your northern relatives. The continual heat and humidity in the South provide just the right conditions for the growth of the fungus that causes the trouble.

As a matter of fact, although the South leads in athlete's foot, all of us who neglect our feet lay ourselves open to the infection. The fungus, which is present on all feet to some extent, thrives on perspiration, warmth, and poor foot hygiene.

Athlete's foot is fairly easy to prevent, but hard to cure. The best preventive measures include the daily foot care already suggested, clean socks every day, and the wearing of all-leather shoes that allow your feet to "breathe."

The treatment of even a slight case of athlete's foot, however, is far more involved. It should be started at the first sign of any smarting, itching lesions between your toes. Don't wait. If allowed to get a good hold, it can quickly develop into a nasty mess of blisters and

infected areas that only a physician or trained podiatrist can cope with.

One of the best home treatments consists of washing your feet at least twice a day with castile soap. Avoid using harsh soaps; they only irritate and make things worse. Then, after drying them thoroughly by dabbing them with a soft towel rather than rubbing them, paint the infected areas with a *solution of undecylenic acid* that you can buy at your neighborhood drug store. When this dries, put on clean socks.

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condition in from two to three days, in which case the rules for daily foot care—including the use of a foot powder—should be followed. If the treatment doesn't clear it up in four days, you'll be wise to see your doctor.

To prevent any possibility of re-infecting your feet you should treat your shoes as well as your feet. Expose them to direct sunlight for several days or, better yet, give them a thorough disinfecting. To do this, buy about an ounce of 37 per cent-solution formaldehyde from your druggist. Saturate two small wads of cotton with the solution and place each one in the fore parts of your shoes. Then put the shoes in a box, put tape around the edges of the cover so that it forms an airtight fit, and leave them there for at least 36 hours. Finally, sun and air them.

The main thing, regardless of where you live or what you do, is to stop killing your feet if you want them to stop killing you. Give them the same amount of care—the same daily home care and the same professional care—that you give your teeth. Relax them now and then, even during the day, with simple limbering-up exercises which need be nothing more than stretching your leg muscles, wiggling your toes, and rotating each foot at the ankle. And, above all, wear comfortable shoes and socks.

True, no one has ever died of aching feet, but they sure can make you miserable, inefficient at your job, and very hard to live with.

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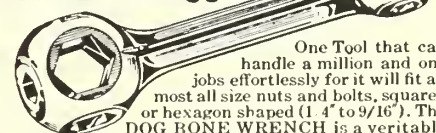
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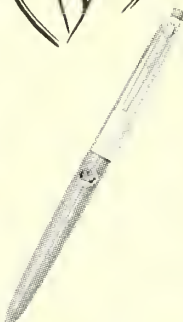


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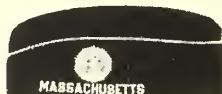
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The difficulty here is not whether the structure of the engine can tolerate these higher temperatures. It's just that this greater heat is pushing the engine quite close to the point of self-ignition, the principle on which diesel engines operate. In the diesel, compression ratios are so high and such high pressures and resultant high temperatures are produced, that the fuel mixture ignites automatically. It has no need for any spark at all, the way an automobile engine does.

This may work fine in a diesel, but your engine isn't designed for such "uncontrolled" ignition of the air-fuel mixture. If you *did* have it, you'd hear your power plant knocking, and that means a loss of power, a waste of gasoline, overheating, and a heavy strain on the engine.

Now if the high-compression engine is this close to the point of pre-ignition, the slightest deposit within the combustion chamber—it would probably be the residue from burned oil and fuel—can narrow that gap dangerously. The reason is that deposits retain heat. In fact, as the engine operates, they begin to glow. This makes the combustion area hotter than it would normally be. The result? That extra heat may be all it takes to send the engine into pre-ignition. So, obviously enough, it's extremely important that deposit formation be avoided.

Stepping up the engine's "breathing" posed new problems, too, largely because of the construction of the current valve trains. Present-day overhead valve systems have heavier valve trains. The valves themselves are heavier and have larger heads, and valve springs have been made stiffer because the valve, thrusting out further into the combustion chamber, still has to be snapped back to its seat just as quickly as before. All this means that throughout the valve train there are greater pressures and, hence, more friction being built up than you once might have had.

Getting away for the moment from mechanical problems, there's a human angle to this story, that is, how you drive. It might surprise you, but your driving habits today make some special demands on your gasoline and oil.

More than ever, the family car is being used for strictly stop-and-go driving. Two-thirds of all passenger car trips are less than eight miles long, and this type of driving scarcely gets the best out of your engine. It never really gets warm enough, never operates with sufficient throttle to burn up entirely its gas-air diet. From this incomplete combustion come several undesirable by-products. Among them: a

highly active acid, varnish, and carbon.

For each of these apparent hazards connected with owning a new car, the petroleum industry has developed an answer in its products. Over the years, refiners have steadily improved gasolines, by updating refining methods on the one hand and by using more and more additives on the other. The oils, too, have taken on a "new look." Top quality oil today is generally a combination of different grades of oils, blended with a series of problem-solving additives.

Let's take a look at the story of gasoline progress. One measure of how high an engine compression ratio can be is the octane rating, or anti-knock quality, of the gas. By juggling the molecular structure of gasoline and using anti-

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Figures can tell the story of what tetraethyllead has done to octane numbers. During the late thirties you could have bought 74-octane fuel at the regular-gas pump. But if you had pulled up a little more to the premium pump, you would have found an 83-octane product. In 1946, regular gasoline stood at 80.4 on the average, and premium gas was at 86.5. For 1953, the averages were 85.3 for regular and 91.9 for premium, and the latest available figures show regular standing at 87.2 while premium has reached 94.3 as a national average, with isolated samples at 98 and more.

But for all its advantages, tetraethyllead has nevertheless turned up a problem of its own in the modern engine. Lead, it seems, has a tendency to find its way into any deposits in the combustion chamber. The chemical result is a reduction in the temperature at at which those deposits will begin to

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glow and ignite the fuel-air mixture. It's also worth noting that lead compounds stick to your spark plug insulators, which can cause the plugs to misfire.

Only in the past several years have refiners come up with a commercial solution to this special headache. By adding phosphorus compounds to the gasoline, they raised to a safe level the temperature point at which the deposits will start to glow. Thus they avoid pre-ignition. Today, one-third of the gas sold contains some form of phosphorus for this reason. (It is worth pointing out though, that some refiners firmly believe that very high octane gasoline, without phosphorus compounds, will suppress pre-ignition.)

In the history of the gasoline additives, lead was followed fairly quickly by the anti-oxidants. They were developed out of necessity in the days when gasoline was made by thermal cracking. This process yielded a gasoline containing "unstable" compounds which turned into gummy residues in carburetor and manifold. The anti-oxidants licked this gumming problem.

More recently, the petroleum industry has produced other additives, such as the metal deactivators, which ward off deposits stemming from the chemical action of copper and brass on gasoline; anti-rust compounds; specially selected and treated alcohols which guard a fuel system from moisture; and anti-stalling and anti-freezing agents, both made of special alcohols.

About a year ago, most of the big refineries started moving on to the market improved gasolines containing adaptations of these additives, as well as special additives exclusively their own (Texaco has Petrox, for example, which the maker says eliminates critical

combustion chamber deposits and increases engine life). The fact of the matter is that all these various gasolines, compared with those of a decade ago, could easily be called super-fuels, the improvement in them has been so great.

In the motor oil field, the developments have been no less spectacular. There once was a day when the only functions of an oil that people talked about were lubrication (providing a tough cushion against friction between metal surfaces) and cooling (carrying off the heat developed by the combustion process and fast-moving engine parts).

Nowadays, two other well-recognized functions only slightly less important are scavenging (picking up engine filth and holding it in suspension) and sealing (plugging that minute gap between cylinder wall and piston so that there is no "blow-by" or gas leakage). To get an idea of the complexity of developing a modern oil, bear in mind that your oil should be thin to cool properly, and thick to seal, while it should stay clean to lubricate and yet get dirty to scavenge.

How did the petroleum industry solve this Chinese puzzle? Its answer was to develop additives to fulfill special tasks and to blend base oils with different characteristics in order to make one motor oil with all those various traits.

Petroleum chemists have come to realize that although natural oil is an amazing lubricant, it can no longer handle all the assignments required of an oil in a high-compression engine. When the engine makers wanted to increase volumetric efficiency, they beefed up parts of the valve train in such a way that greater frictions were developed in the train than ever before, especially

where the lifter meets the cam. Ordinary oil couldn't maintain a sufficiently tough lubricating film for these new conditions, so the industry had to add special chemicals to give the oil extra load-carrying ability.

Then there's the hazard of deposits. Oftentimes, they result from the burning of oil. Now some oil normally has to be consumed in engine operation (about a drop for every 150 to 200 revolutions). But abnormal burning is scarcely desirable. One reason for abnormal burning is the tendency of oil to thin out at high temperatures. To overcome that, refiners have added what they call "viscosity index improvers," to improve the rate of flow of an oil at different temperatures.

The new oils also go after the unwanted effects of stop-and-go driving on your engine. Those acids caused by incomplete combustion commonly cause wear within the top one-and-a-half to three inches of the cylinder. But for the past five years oils on the market have contained acid neutralizers or inhibitors. These compounds, working in conjunction with customary crankcase ventilation, cut down any corrosive action within the engine.

If you were to make a chemical separation of a modern, top quality oil, you'd find that it actually contains a series of additives. There are the "pour-point depressants," which make oil flow more easily when it's cold. Then there are the antioxidants, developed because chemists found that oil combining with oxygen in the crankcase during operation formed acids and a gummy lacquer which could clog up the piston-ring grooves or hydraulic lifters. Another additive is a "bubble puncher" or anti-foamant agent which prevents air bubbles from forming an emulsion in oil.

Detergents somewhat like those your wife uses have found their way into engine oil, too. The object: to keep deposits from "settling out" in an engine and forming a ring-plugging lacquer or a sludge which could clog the oil screen.

All these points may be true, you may say, but what about the matter of economy in this 1955 car? You may be wondering whether the days of good gasoline mileage have gone forever. And perhaps you're wondering, too, whether these new engines don't demand more care.

Let's look at the economy picture first. Maybe a comparison will show how much more mileage you can get from your car today than you could have in years gone by. Not long ago, General Motors conducted a test to get some answers to this question. Four Cadillacs were lined up—one from 1915, one from 1935, one a current car just off the production line, and the fourth,



"What did the enemy do when they saw you . . . die laughing?"

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the body of the current car outfitted with an experimental engine boasting a 12-to-1 compression ratio and a new-design automatic transmission still under test.

Each car started off from a common point with ten gallons of gasoline in its tank. This gasoline was a type suitable for each particular model. Each was driven at 50 miles an hour until it ran dry. The 1915 car went 68 miles; the 1935, 115 miles, the current car, 186 miles; and the experimental model, 255 miles. Even without including the souped-up car, the improvement between the 1915 car and the postwar one was more than 270 per cent. The figures speak for themselves.

One fact that ought to be faced is that for many people, poor gasoline mileage is as much the fault of their driving habits as it is anything else.

Did you know that an idling engine eats up one to two quarts of gas an hour? So, every time you're sitting at a stop light, nervously nudging the accelerator pedal and waiting for a quick start, you're just wasting that much more fuel. Another point to remember is that if you average 20 miles a gallon on the open road, you won't do better than six or seven miles a gallon when you make five starts and stops a mile. And while you might get a thrill out of a jack-rabbit getaway from a stoplight, reconcile yourself to a gasoline loss. In those pullaways, you're driving too fast and too long in the lower, gas-eating gear ranges. In second gear, for example, you waste 15 per cent more gasoline than you do traveling in high.*

There *are* steps you can take—in addition to watching your driving habits—to improve your gasoline mileage. It might surprise you, but one is your choice of oil. This goes back to the matter of oil thickness. The thicker your oil, the more engine horsepower—technically called friction horsepower—is going to be eaten up in overcoming the binding effect of that thick liquid on the pistons.

By using the "multi-viscosity" or multi-grade oils just recently introduced on the market, you can reduce these horsepower losses due to friction. Under starting conditions, these blends flow more easily at low temperatures; hence, less horsepower is wasted on turning over the engine during warm-up. That horsepower saving is immediately translated into a gasoline saving.

One of these brand-new oils, according to the company producing it, can save a driver up to two gallons of gasoline for every tankful, mainly through reducing friction horsepower. In addition, this company claims that its new product can cut oil consumption by as much as 113 per cent. So you can see

*From the booklet *More Mileage to You*.

why it is that, by providing a better product, the oil industry is actually doing itself out of some business.

In the matter of maintenance, never forget that there's absolutely no comparison between the 1955 engine and one of 30 years ago in terms of durability. The lives of valves and piston rings, for example, are much longer than they ever used to be. And how often do you hear of a bearing going out? Actually, the engine has been refined to a point where you just don't expect anything to go wrong, and when something *does* happen, you are that much more surprised.

But while the 1955 engine is more durable, it's also much more sensitive in some ways. Take those spark plug deposits we talked about. They can easily foul the plugs or put you at the critical point of self-ignition. So you'll find it will pay to have the plugs cleaned every 4,000 to 6,000 miles. That's undoubtedly much more frequently than you would have had them cleaned in a pre-war car.

A simple little thing like an engine tune-up gains importance in these new engines. It may cost you \$10 or so, but the result can give you a 10 to 15 per cent saving in gasoline mileage. The reason is that these powerful but sensitive engines respond much more sensitively to adjustments in ignition timing.

Changing your engine oil is another simple item, but never discount the need for it. You may think the "new look" oils should never wear out. On the contrary, the chemical additives in them *do* get used up. As always, the best guide on the time for a change is the recommendation of your service station operator.

When you get right down to it, there can be no doubt about one fact: your 1955 car, dieting on these new gasolines and oils, and taken care of, can give you a range of operation without a major repair job (such as replacing piston rings) that you probably never thought possible before the second world war. Cars and trucks in commercial operation these days regularly roll up 120,000 miles before their rings have to be replaced.

Back in the twenties, you would have been extremely lucky if your car lasted all of ten years. But with today's developments in petroleum products keeping step with advances in engine and body construction, you can expect your new car to last at least 15 years, that is, if you want to keep it that long. Actually, when you sell your 1954 or 1955 car, it won't be because the engine has given out. It will be because the new 1957 or 1958 sedan offers you even more in styling and engine performance.

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